



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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Molina**

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Burke**

## Third District



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 92.]**

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY  
7   DR. SCOTT BAUER, WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE CHURCH ON THE  
8   WAY IN VAN NUYS, FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THE PLEDGE OF  
9   ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY REX SULLIVAN, COMMANDER OF SUGAR RAY  
10   ROBINSON POST NUMBER 209, THE AMERICAN LEGION, FROM THE SECOND  
11   DISTRICT. REVEREND BAUER?

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13   **DR. SCOTT G. BAUER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY  
14   TO LEAD IN PRAYER. BEFORE I DO, IT MIGHT BE ENCOURAGING FOR  
15   YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR CONGREGATION HAS PRAYED FOR THE COUNTY  
16   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY NAME ON MANY OCCASIONS. A MONTH AGO, I  
17   CALLED OUR CONGREGATION OF OVER 11,000 MEMBERS TO SET ASIDE  
18   THE DAYS OF OCTOBER 28TH -- SEPTEMBER 28TH THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST  
19   FOR PRAYER AND FASTING FOR OUR CITY AND STATE. SO RIGHT NOW,  
20   MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION HAVE YOUR NAMES ON CARDS AND THOSE  
21   OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF OUR STATE LEGISLATURE, OUR  
22   MAYOR, AND OUR GOVERNOR, AND WE'RE PRAYING THAT IN THESE  
23   CRITICAL DAYS, GOD WILL HELP US ALL DO THE RIGHT THING. SO  
24   THIS MORNING, WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN PRAYER. OUR FATHER IN  
25   HEAVEN, WE ASK THIS DAY THAT YOU WOULD POUR OUT YOUR MERCY





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1 UPON OUR CITY AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
2 WE ASK THAT PEACE WOULD RULE IN OUR STREETS AND THAT TODAY OUR  
3 YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE EQUIPPED IN THEIR SCHOOLS TO MAKE A  
4 GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE ASK THAT THE  
5 BUSINESSES OF LOS ANGELES WOULD PROSPER AND PUT MORE PEOPLE  
6 BACK TO WORK. TODAY, BLESS OUR POLICE, OUR SHERIFF, OUR FIRE  
7 DEPARTMENTS. TODAY, LET OUR COMMUNITY BE SAFER AND LESS  
8 VULNERABLE TO THE DRUG DEALERS AND CAREER CRIMINALS THAT ARE  
9 DESTROYING OUR FUTURE. TODAY IN OUR COURTS, LET JUSTICE  
10 PREVAIL IN OUR SCHOOLS, BLESS OUR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS. IN  
11 OUR HOSPITALS, LET THE SICK BE HEALED AND THE DISEASE BE  
12 CURED. TODAY IN THE FAMILY SERVICES OF OUR COUNTY, LET THE  
13 POOR BE CARED FOR, LET THE FAMILIES IN CRISIS BE SHOWN A WAY  
14 TO RECOVER, LET THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY BE FED AND THE ELDERLY BE  
15 CARED FOR AND THE BROKEN DOWN BE LIFTED UP WITH HOPE. WE WOULD  
16 HUMBLE OUR HEARTS BEFORE YOU, O LORD, AND DECLARE THAT WE HAVE  
17 HONORED YOU TOO LITTLE AND NOT REGARDED YOUR HEART TOWARD ALL  
18 PEOPLE. THERE IS STILL PREJUDICE IN OUR CITY, DIVISIONS THAT  
19 ARE DEEPER THAN OUR LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES, AND BECAUSE WE KNOW  
20 TOO LITTLE OF YOUR WAY, WE HAVE TOLERATED TOO MUCH SIN IN OUR  
21 WORLD. TODAY, O LORD, WOULD YOU VISIT US WITH A DEEPER  
22 COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE? I WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD GIVE WISDOM  
23 TO THIS BOARD TO ADDRESS THE GREATEST NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY. I  
24 ASK THIS DAY FOR A BLESSING UPON EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS.  
25 WOULD YOU PERSONALLY BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO, OUR



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1 GOD AND OUR SAVIOR, WOULD YOU BLESS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
2 TODAY? AMEN.

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4 **REX SULLIVAN:** PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HANDS OVER YOUR HEART,  
5 FACE THE FLAG PLEASE, AND JOIN ME IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO  
6 THE FLAG. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN PRAYER THIS  
11 MORNING BY DR. SCOTT G. BAUER, WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE  
12 CHURCH ON THE WAY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. DR. BAUER  
13 RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM U.C.L.A., THE MASTER  
14 OF DIVINITY FROM THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND THE  
15 DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY FROM ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY. HE IS THE  
16 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT  
17 OF FOUR SQUARE CHURCHES, OVERSEEING 40 CHURCHES IN THIS AREA,  
18 INCLUDING SAN FERNANDO, LA CRESCENTA, AND THE SANTA CLARITA  
19 VALLEYS. HE'S MARRIED, HE HAS THREE CHILDREN, AND WE WERE VERY  
20 PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WITH 11,000 MEMBERS, THAT OUR NAMES ARE  
21 ON EVERY ONE OF THEIR THOUGHTS TODAY. IT'S -- ONLY A  
22 POLITICIAN WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. BUT DR. BAUER JUST RETURNED  
23 FROM A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND AND WE'RE GLAD YOU TRAVELED  
24 SAFELY AND WE'RE VERY GRATIFIED TO HAVE YOU BACK, AND THANK  
25 YOU FOR LEADING US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND HE WORKS WITH THE COUNTY ON OUR  
3 FATHER'S GROUP, TOO, BUT WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT HE DOES THAT.  
4 WE ARE VERY PLEASED TODAY TO HAVE AS OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, REX  
5 SULLIVAN, AND HE IS FROM THE SUGAR RAY ROBINSON POST NUMBER  
6 209, AMERICAN LEGION, THE COMMANDER. HE HAS SERVED IN THE  
7 MILITARY AS A CORPORAL IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM '49 TO '52, IN  
8 THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION IN KOREA, PUSAN AND INCHON. AND HE  
9 WAS A BRONZE STAR MEDAL WINNER, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL  
10 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO STARS,  
11 UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS RETIRED FROM THE MERCHANT  
12 MARINES, MARRIED, HE'S LIVED IN THE DISTRICT 37 YEARS. HE WENT  
13 TO SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT HE'S BEEN  
14 IN LOS ANGELES A LONG, LONG TIME.

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16 **REX SULLIVAN:** A LONG TIME.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

22

23 **REX SULLIVAN:** THANK YOU MS.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TELL ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE POST I SAID  
2    HELLO.

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4    **REX SULLIVAN:** I SAID HELLO.

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OKAY, ALL RIGHT. [ INDISTINCT VOICES  
7    ]

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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11    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
12    BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
13    COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

14

15    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
16    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16.

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20    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
21    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 10, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM  
24    17 AND 18.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ON ITEMS 19

5    AND 20, HOLD FOR HOLLOWAY-- I'M SORRY, ON 19, HOLD FOR YVONNE

6    MITCHELL AUTRY, AND ON ITEM NUMBER 20, HOLD FOR HOLLOWAY

7    MERRITT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 21 AND 22.

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

10   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 23

13   THROUGH 27. ON ITEM NUMBER 25, HOLD FOR IRA KRUSKOL AND

14   OTHERS.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY

17   YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEMS 28 AND 29. ON

20   ITEM NUMBER 29, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK

21   CONTINUANCE, AND THAT WOULD BE TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM NUMBER 29 IS

24   CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 8TH.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 30 AND 31.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 32 THROUGH 35.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST BACK UP

12 JUST A LITTLE BIT? ON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 28, WE'RE

13 CONTINUING 29, BUT ON 28, IS THERE A MOTION?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY

16 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH. ON ITEM 36, HOLD FOR

19 YVONNE MITCHELL AUTRY.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS SHE HOLDING ANOTHER ITEM?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHE'S HELD A COUPLE.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE'LL CHECK WITH THE  
2   COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT, BUT WE'LL HOLD IT TEMPORARILY.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 37 AND  
5   38.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
8   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 39 THROUGH 64, AND I  
11   HAVE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 47, SUPERVISOR  
12   YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE, AND THAT WOULD BE  
13   TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003. AND ON ITEM 49, THE DIRECTOR  
14   REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO OCTOBER 14, 2003.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 47, IT'S CONTINUED, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
17   TO OCTOBER 8TH; AND ON ITEM 49, IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS,  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
23   BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 25, ON THE SHERIFF, ITEM 65  
2 THROUGH 69, ON 65 AND 66, MERRITT HOLLOWAY REQUESTS THAT THESE  
3 ITEMS BE HELD.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE HE'S HOLDING ONE OTHER ITEM, AND  
6 SO WE'LL HAVE TO -- MAY I ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHAT IS THE  
7 RULE IN TERMS OF THE --

8

9 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE  
10 INDIVIDUAL ADDRESS ALL OF THE ITEMS AT ONE TIME WHEN  
11 ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE PERIOD THAT YOU  
12 ALLOT FOR THEM TO SPEAK.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I HOPE THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
15 HOLDING MORE THAN ONE ITEM HEARD THAT. WE WILL HOLD THOSE  
16 ITEMS, BUT WE WILL ASK YOU TO SPEAK ON ALL OF THE ITEMS AT ONE  
17 TIME, AND THEN RATHER THAN EACH ONE OF THEM BE HELD UP. SO  
18 THAT'S 65 AND 66 THAT ARE BEING HELD FOR HOLLOWAY AS WELL AS  
19 20, SO WE WOULD ASK HIM WHEN HE COMES -- WHENEVER EACH ONE OF  
20 THEM -- THE FIRST ONE COMES UP, HE ADDRESS ALL THREE.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND THEN 67 THROUGH 69 IS BEFORE  
23 YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
2   SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 70  
5   THROUGH 76. ON ITEM 71, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS  
6   ITEM BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 71 IS REFERRED TO  
9   CLOSED.

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11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM 74, THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
12   REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE, AND THAT WOULD BE TO  
13   WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 74, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IS CONTINUED TO  
16   WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.

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18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
21   SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 77 THROUGH  
24   82.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY  
5 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE  
6 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
7 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 83-A,  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD, AND  
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO --  
10 THAT WOULD BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, 83-A IS  
15 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE --

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAS THAT RIGHT? WAS IT ONE WEEK YOU WANTED?

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL ONE WEEK.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS 83-A. CLEAR.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
6 DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA GO  
9 FORWARD FIRST. SHE HAS SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO LEAVE, AND  
10 THEN IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M GOING TO ASK -- I'M  
13 GOING TO ASK GORDON DAVIDSON AND CULTURE CLASH AND ALL OF THE  
14 FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS TREMENDOUS PRODUCTION TO  
15 COME UP AND JOIN ME. JOHN, YOU AS WELL. I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE  
16 THESE FOLKS HERE. IT'S REALLY A PLEASURE TO HONOR THE CENTER  
17 THEATER GROUP, MARK TAPER FORUM'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR THAT WE  
18 ALL KNOW, AND PRODUCER GORDON DAVIDSON, AND CERTAINLY THE  
19 MEMBERS OF CULTURE CLASH. WE HAVE JOINING US TODAY RICK  
20 SALINAS AND RICHARD MONTOYA. HERB IS MISSING. HE'S BUSY.  
21 COULDN'T JOIN US THIS MORNING, BUT THERE ARE THREE MEMBERS OF  
22 THIS TREMENDOUS GROUP, AND THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR  
23 PRODUCTION OF CHAVEZ RAVINE. THIS POWERFUL, INSIGHTFUL PLAY  
24 GAVE AUDIENCES AN IN-DEPTH GLIMPSE AT A TIME IN LOS ANGELES  
25 HISTORY WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED FROM CHAVEZ



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1 RAVINE FOR A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT SITE, AN AREA  
2 WHICH EVENTUALLY BECAME WHAT WE KNOW NOW AS DODGER STADIUM.  
3 ALTHOUGH THE CHAVEZ RAVINE ERA WAS A TRAUMATIC TIME FOR ALL OF  
4 THE RESIDENTS OF A TRUSTING COMMUNITY, THIS PLAY CLEVERLY AND  
5 HUMOROUSLY CONVEYED NOT ONLY THEIR BETRAYAL BUT ALSO THEIR  
6 RESIGNATION. AUDIENCES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GLIMPSE A UNIQUE  
7 CHAPTER IN L.A. HISTORY AND TO LEARN ABOUT THE REAL STRUGGLES  
8 OF CHAVEZ RAVINE'S FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION IMMIGRANTS. IT  
9 PORTRAYED HOW POLITICIANS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND CITY STAFF  
10 DETERMINED THE CITY'S FUTURE WHILE THE CHAVEZ RAVINE COMMUNITY  
11 OPTED TO FIGHT OR TO RELOCATE. GORDON DAVIDSON GREATLY  
12 BELIEVED IN THIS PROJECT AND HE WAS ABLE TO GAIN THE FINANCIAL  
13 SUPPORT OF THE IRVINE FOUNDATION, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF  
14 THE ARTS, AND THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. AS A RESULT, A  
15 SUCCESSFUL, WELL-FUNDED PRODUCTION WAS CREATED, WHICH WAS  
16 INSPIRATIONAL, THOUGHT-PROVOKING, AND WAS DRAWN FROM RESEARCH  
17 INTO THE HISTORY THAT INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS  
18 WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS TURMOIL. FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS, THE  
19 CENTER THEATER GROUP AND GORDON DAVIDSON WORKED WITH CULTURE  
20 CLASH FROM ITS INITIAL RESEARCH BASE TO ITS FIRST READINGS AT  
21 THE CENTER THEATER GROUP'S LATINO THEATER INITIATIVE WRITERS  
22 RETREAT, AND ITS FIRST PUBLIC READING AT THE 2001 NEW --  
23 EXCUSE ME, NEW WORK FESTIVAL AND AT A PUBLIC WORKSHOP IN 2002,  
24 CALLED NEXT STEP FESTIVAL. GORDON WENT TO EXTRAORDINARY  
25 EFFORTS TO BRING TOGETHER EVERYONE DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF



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1 THIS PROJECT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR OPINIONS OF THOSE INVOLVED  
2 IN THE CHAVEZ RAVINE ERA WERE RESPECTED AND THAT THE PLAY WAS  
3 FAITHFUL TO WHAT ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED DURING THIS TIME. AND  
4 ALTHOUGH SOME PEOPLE WOULD RATHER THAT THIS STORY NOT BE TOLD,  
5 THIS CREATIVE AND REVEALING PRODUCTION HAD A TRIUMPHANT AND  
6 SUCCESSFUL RUN, FROM MAY 11TH TO JULY 13TH. IT QUICKLY BECAME  
7 KNOWN AS A COMPELLING, HIGHLY-ACCLAIMED THEATER EVENT AND, IN  
8 FACT, CHAVEZ RAVINE SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES FORCED THE MARK  
9 TAPER FORUM TO EXPAND ITS RUN AN EXTRA WEEK. I ALSO APPLAUD  
10 GORDON DAVIDSON AND THE CENTER THEATER GROUP AND THE MARK  
11 TAPER FORUM FOR EXTENSIVELY PROMOTING THE PLAY AT A GRASSROOTS  
12 LEVEL AND WORKING HARD TO BRING IN AUDIENCES FROM THE LOS  
13 ANGELES DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. THESE AUDIENCES INCLUDED STUDENTS  
14 DURING THEIR YOUNG AUDIENCES PERFORMANCES, WHICH BRINGS IN  
15 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE MARK TAPER FORUM AND THE AHMANSON  
16 FOR MATINEE PERFORMANCE AND LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS WITH  
17 PROFESSIONAL THEATRE ARTISTS. I WAS LUCKY THAT MY DAUGHTER WAS  
18 A PART OF THAT GROUP, AND IT WAS VERY INSIGHTFUL FOR HER. I  
19 HOPE THAT THIS HISTORIC PRODUCTION TOURS THROUGHOUT THE NATION  
20 AND IS PRESERVED AS A DOCUMENTARY TO SERVE AS AN EDUCATIONAL  
21 PIECE FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND BECAUSE OF  
22 THE VISION AND THE COURAGE OF GORDON DAVIDSON AND THE THEATER  
23 GROUP AND ITS MEMBERS OF CULTURE CLASH, I WANTED TO PAY  
24 TRIBUTE TO THEM. I WAS PART OF AN AUDIENCE THAT I WISH I COULD  
25 HAVE BEEN THERE EVERY SINGLE EVENING BECAUSE IT WAS A VERY



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1   LIVELY PLAY, BUT IT WAS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING AND A VERY  
2   EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ME, AND I THINK ALL OF US THAT HAD  
3   AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THIS PLAY. WE'RE HOPING THAT IT IS  
4   GOING TO COME OUT AGAIN, THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN  
5   OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH MANY, MANY OTHERS THE TREMENDOUS  
6   TALENT OF THIS GROUP OF CULTURE CLASH. THEY ARE UNBELIEVABLE  
7   WHAT THEY DO ON STAGE. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY CHARACTERS EACH  
8   OF THEM PLAYED, BUT IT WAS AN AMAZING THING, BUT MORE SO I  
9   THINK IT'S BECAUSE IT JUST WAS SO IMPORTANT TO TELL THIS STORY  
10   AND SO IMPORTANT TO RESPECT THE PEOPLE THAT WERE A PART OF  
11   THIS STORY, TO TELL IT AS IT WAS, AND I THINK FOR A LONG TIME,  
12   THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SHYING AWAY FROM  
13   SOME OF THE REALITIES OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING THAT PERIOD OF  
14   TIME. AND SO I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO GORDON DAVIDSON FOR  
15   STICKING WITH IT AND BEING A PART OF IT AND PARTICULARLY PAY  
16   TRIBUTE TO THE WONDERFUL TALENT OF CULTURE CLASH, RICK SALINAS  
17   AND RICHARD MONTOYA BOTH HERE, AND SO LET'S PAY TRIBUTE TO  
18   THEM BOTH, TO ALL OF THEM. GORDON, YOU WANT TO JOIN US FIRST,  
19   SAY A FEW WORDS?

20

21   **GORDON DAVIDSON:** OKAY. THANK YOU, GLORIA. I AM VERY MOVED BY  
22   THIS RECOGNITION BECAUSE IT COMES DURING THE WEEK WE'RE  
23   CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF OUR 37TH SEASON AT THE MUSIC  
24   CENTER, AND IT'S BEEN A VERY PROUD AND IMPORTANT PART OF MY  
25   LIFE AND I HOPE THE LIFE OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES. WE





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1 ARE IN A COUNTY FACILITY. I FEEL WE HAVE FRIENDS HERE ON THE  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE'VE TRIED TO REPRESENT A WIDE CROSS-  
3 SECTION OF WHO WE ARE. IT'S INTERESTING THAT THE PLAY WE'RE  
4 OPENING DEALS WITH AFGHANISTAN, BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED WITH  
5 GLOBAL AS WELL AS LOCAL ISSUES, BUT I GET THE GREATEST  
6 PLEASURE WHEN WE CAN FIND STORIES THAT DEFINE THE LIVES OF LOS  
7 ANGELES AND BRING THE HISTORY TO LIFE AND SHOW HOW IMPORTANT  
8 IT IS TO KNOW YOUR OWN HISTORY AS WELL AS TO BE A GUIDE FOR  
9 ACTIVITIES AND BEHAVIOR IN THE FUTURE. AND I COULDN'T HAVE  
10 FOUND A BETTER SUBJECT THAN THE CHAVEZ RAVINE STORY, BECAUSE  
11 SO MANY PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW IT OR HAD THE WRONG IDEA WHAT THE  
12 STORY WAS, AND WITHOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY TALENT OF CULTURE  
13 CLASH, RICK AND RICHARD AND HERBERT AND LISA PETERSON, WHO  
14 DIRECTED IT, AND THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND PEOPLE FROM MY  
15 STAFF, AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE MUSIC CENTER AND THE -- WHO  
16 ARE HERE TODAY TO SHARE WITH ME YOUR RECOGNITION AND TO  
17 CELEBRATE THAT THERE ARE THESE STORIES TO TELL AND THAT WE'RE  
18 GOING TO KEEP TELLING THEM, AND BOTH ENTERTAIN AND ENLIGHTEN  
19 THE AUDIENCE AND EMBRACE THE DIVERSITY OF THIS GREAT COMMUNITY  
20 THAT WE LIVE IN, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21  
22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TREMENDOUS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** CULTURE CLASH IS AN UNBELIEVABLE TALENT IN OUR  
25 COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY HAVE WON VARIOUS



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1 AWARDS AND DONE VARIOUS PRODUCTIONS. THEY'VE SPENT AN AWFUL  
2 LOT OF TIME ON THIS AND I -- THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE  
3 RESEARCH AND DIRECTLY TALKING TO RESIDENTS IN THAT COMMUNITY  
4 AND PUTTING TOGETHER I THINK A TERRIFIC PLAY, SO LET ME  
5 INTRODUCE YOU TO CULTURE CLASH'S RICHARD MONTOYA AND RICK  
6 SALINAS. GENTLEMEN?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, THANK YOU GLORIA. WE'RE SUCH BIG  
9 FANS OF YOURS AS YOU KNOW, AND I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK  
10 ON BEHALF OF CULTURE CLASH ALL THE PEOPLE THAT DID SUPPORT US  
11 TO MAKE THE STORY COME OUT, FROM THE DRAMA TOUR, TO THE  
12 DIRECTOR, TO THE MUSICIANS, OUR UNDERSTUDIES, COULDN'T HAVE  
13 DONE IT WITHOUT YOU ALL, AND GORDON ESPECIALLY FOR GIVING US  
14 THE SEED, THE IDEA. BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, YOU KNOW, WE'RE SO  
15 BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO DO THESE PLAYS WHERE WE INTERVIEW PEOPLE  
16 AND GO FROM CITY TO CITY ACROSS THE NATION AND WE GET TO  
17 PORTRAY AND TELL THESE STORIES ON STAGE AS HONESTLY AND AS  
18 TRUTHFUL AS WE CAN. BUT IT WAS MORE THAN AN HONOR TO BE ABLE  
19 TO MEET THE RESIDENTS THAT SOME OF -- THE RESIDENTS ARE HERE  
20 WITH US TODAY, THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SIT WITH THEM AND TAKE  
21 THEIR TIME AND HAVE THEM SHARE STORIES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN  
22 TOLD. THERE'S A BOOK BY DON NORMARK THAT HAS A PHOTO ESSAY  
23 ABOUT THE CHAVEZ RAVINE THAT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL, BUT TO  
24 PERSONALLY MEET THE PEOPLE AND HAVE THEM TELL THEM THE STORIES  
25 TO US AND US PORTRAY THEIR STORIES ON STAGE WAS, YOU KNOW,



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1 MEANINGFUL TO CULTURE CLASH AND IT ENRICHED OUR LIVES, AS I  
2 HOPE IT ENRICHED THE LIVES OF THOSE THAT SAW THE PLAY. THANK  
3 YOU SO MUCH, GLORIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, WATCHING YOU  
6 IN THE FRONT ROW THAT NIGHT, I DON'T -- AT FIRST, WE WERE A  
7 LITTLE SCARED, BUT THEN YOU WERE SO IN TO IT AND CHEERING US  
8 ON THAT IT REALLY EMBOLDENED US TO PUT EXTRA CUSS WORDS IN THE  
9 SHOW THAT NIGHT. [ LAUGHTER ]

10

11 **SPEAKER:** BUT NO, WE DIDN'T. BUT ONE OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE  
12 SHOW THAT REALLY WAS UNDER THE CARE AND CRAFTING OF DIRECTOR,  
13 LISA PETERSON AND JOHN GLORE AND US WAS THE CHARACTER OF  
14 MARIA, A YOUNG CHICANA WHO GREW AND BECAME AN ACTIVIST AND  
15 BECAME INVOLVED IN HER COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF WHAT -- THE THINGS  
16 THAT HAD HAPPENED IN CHAVEZ RAVINE. WE HAVE FOLKS HERE THAT  
17 WERE BORN IN CHAVEZ RAVINE THAT ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING.  
18 I ALSO -- WELL, FIRST LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR MY POST-LABOR DAY  
19 SUIT, I DIDN'T GET THE MEMO, BUT I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
20 LEADERSHIP OF GORDON DAVIDSON AND ALSO THE LEADERSHIP OF  
21 GLORIA, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE JOBS AREN'T UNRELATED. WHAT  
22 HAPPENS HERE AND WHAT HAPPENS JUST A LITTLE BIT UP THE HILL,  
23 SANDWICHED IN BETWEEN THE JOHN FERRARO BUILDING AND THE  
24 KENNETH HAHN BUILDING IS THIS GREAT PLACE CALLED THE MUSIC  
25 CENTER AND THE MARK TAPER FORUM, AND IT'S A PLACE WHERE ALL OF



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1 L.A. SEEMS TO COME TOGETHER, JUST LIKE DODGER STADIUM ITSELF,  
2 AND THAT WAS PART OF THE COMPLICATED PART OF THE STORY THAT  
3 GORDON HAD ALWAYS URGED US TO TELL, NOT JUST THAT POOR FOLKS  
4 WERE MOVED OUT OF THE WAY, BUT THERE WAS A DEEPLY ENRICHED  
5 COMPLICATED STORY OF A CITY DEFINING AND BUILDING AND  
6 REINVENTING ITSELF FASTER THAN A HOLLYWOOD SOUND STAGE, SO  
7 THAT WHEN A CHIEF JUSTICE FROM CALIFORNIA'S SUPREME COURT, A  
8 CHICANO CAN COME TO THE SHOW AND BE IN DODGER BLUE HEAD TO TOE  
9 BUT IN HIS BREAST POCKET HAVE A PHOTO OF THE DAY IT SNOWED IN  
10 CHAVEZ RAVINE BECAUSE HE WAS AN INFANT FROM THERE, THAT'S WHY  
11 L.A. IS SO GREAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL THAT KIND OF COMPLICATED  
12 STUFF. SO WE CALL GORDON THE GODFATHER, BUT LET ME TELL YOU,  
13 HE IS A REAL PADRINO, A PADRINO, BECAUSE HE REALLY TOOK CARE  
14 IN TAKING CARE OF THIS STORY AND GUIDED US ALONG THE WAY IN A  
15 GENTLE AND YET VERY FIRM MANNER IN WHICH HE'S CAPABLE OF  
16 DOING. BUT WE LOVE THIS MAN, WE LOVE THE TAPER. THEY EXPORT  
17 MORE WORK TO THE EAST COAST, WORK THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF, AS  
18 ANGELINOS WE DO EXPORT WORK EAST, IT JUST DOESN'T ALL COME  
19 HERE, WE GO THERE. SO THE TAPER WORKED HARD, FROM THE  
20 EDUCATION, TO THE OUTREACH, TO DEVELOPMENT FOLKS, A LOT OF  
21 THEM ARE HERE TODAY AND EVERYBODY WORKED SUPER HARD ON A PLAY  
22 WE ALL CARED ABOUT, CRIED ABOUT, FOUGHT ABOUT AND LAUGHED  
23 ABOUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, GLORIA.  
24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I'M VERY PROUD TO PRESENT THESE  
2   SCROLLS, BUT BEFORE I DO, LET ME INTRODUCE ROSEMARY LOPEZ,  
3   PLEASE STAND, AND LOU SANTIAN, THESE WERE TWO, AT THAT TIME,  
4   YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE MOVED OFF CHAVEZ RAVINE AND TELL THEIR  
5   STORY. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY CALLED IT PALO VERVE AT THE TIME. ANYWAY,  
8   CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE PRODUCTION, TO THE ENTIRE STAFF,  
9   LISA, ALL OF YOU, YOU DID A GREAT JOB. SO IF I MAY, LET'S SEE,  
10   THIS IS GORDON'S, AND -- [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE COULD ALL COME TOGETHER, WE'D LOVE TO TAKE  
13   A PICTURE. [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR MAYOR  
18   FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, MICHAEL CATRIOTI, AND THE  
19   CITY FIRE CHIEF, RICHARD ELLIOTT, WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO JOIN  
20   OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS IT DESIGNATES THE CITY OF SOUTH  
21   PASADENA'S FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS AS SAFE SURRENDER SITES.  
22   TODAY, THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA JOINS WITH THE OTHER CITY  
23   AND COUNTY FIRE STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHERE THEY HAVE  
24   DESIGNATED SAFE SURRENDER SITES, WHERE NEWBORN INFANTS CAN BE  
25   LEFT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE CHILDREN WILL LIVE. SO WE





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1 WANT TO THANK SOUTH PASADENA FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND WE  
2 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE THIS A BETTER COUNTY.  
3 MICHAEL? [APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU EACH WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

6

7 **MICHAEL CATRIOTI:** MICHAEL, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF  
8 SOUTH PASADENA, OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF CHIEF, RICHARD ELLIOTT,  
9 AND THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND ALL THE  
10 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD FRIEND  
13 WHO'S RETIRING AFTER SERVING MORE THAN 22 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF  
14 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, AND THAT'S SUPERIOR  
15 COURT JUDGE JOHN MARTINEZ, WHO IS GOING TO BE RETIRING. AND WE  
16 HAVE WITH US TODAY A MAN WHO CAME ON THE COURTS BACK IN 1981.  
17 HE'S PRESIDED OVER CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS AND MORE THAN  
18 300 JURY TRIALS, AND HE'S NEVER HAD A JURY VERDICT REVERSED  
19 BECAUSE OF JUDICIAL ERROR. THE JUDGE HAS DECLARED STATUTES  
20 UNCONSTITUTIONAL WHEN HE FOUND THAT THEY HAD VIOLATED THE  
21 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AND HIS RULINGS IN ONE CASE AFFIRMED  
22 UPON APPELLATE REVIEW, HAS EXPANDED THE DEFINITION OF A DEADLY  
23 WEAPON IN OUR STATE, TO INCLUDE A DANGEROUS ANIMAL AS A  
24 WEAPON. HE HAS SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN  
25 BAR ASSOCIATION OF OUR COUNTY AND SELECTED TO THE BOARD OF



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1 TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. AND  
2 ATTENDING HERE IS BARBARA HIS WIFE, THIS MORNING AND AGAIN WE  
3 APPRECIATE JOHN, BECAUSE JOHN NOT ONLY SITS ON THE COURT BENCH  
4 IN ALHAMBRA, BUT HE'S ALSO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY ATTENDING MANY  
5 BREAKFASTS, LUNCHESES AND DINNERS, AND I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
6 OF SITTING WITH JOHN AT VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS, HE'S CLEARLY  
7 INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES HIM AN  
8 OUTSTANDING JURIST. SO JOHN, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **JUDGE JOHN MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE JUST TO THANK THE  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS SCROLL. IT'S TAKEN ME A LONG  
12 TIME TO EARN IT. I KNOW IT SOUNDS TRITE, BUT IT HAS BEEN AN  
13 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY IN THE CAPACITY OF A TRIAL COURT JUDGE OVER ALL THESE  
15 YEARS. AND ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, LET ME JUST THANK MIKE FOR HIS  
16 PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS TO ME AND MY  
17 FAMILY. THANKS AGAIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP FROM ANTELOPE  
20 VALLEY DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID MIKLOS FROM PALMDALE, WHO WON THE  
21 GOLD MEDAL AS THE TOUGHEST COMPETITOR ALIVE EVENT, JULY 31ST,  
22 2003, AT THE WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES HELD IN BARCELONA,  
23 SPAIN. JOINING WITH HIM TODAY IS HIS WIFE, ROBERTA, AND  
24 CAPTAIN TERRY JUDGE FROM THE PALMDALE STATION. PROMOTING  
25 PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTSMANSHIP, THE CALIFORNIA POLICE



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1 ATHLETIC FEDERATION HAS CREATED THIS EVENT BACK IN 1985 FOR  
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AROUND THE WORLD. THEY TRAIN MORE  
3 THAN THREE HOURS A DAY AT LOCAL GYMS, AND DEPUTY MIKLOS EARNED  
4 A GOLD MEDAL AND WON HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE WORLD TITLE IN THE  
5 MOST GRUELING OF THE WORLD GAMES 64 EVENTS. 'THE TOUGHEST  
6 COMPETITOR ALIVE' IS AN ALL-DAY EVENT TESTING SPEED, STRENGTH,  
7 AND ENDURANCE IN A VARIETY OF COMPETITIONS. SO ON BEHALF OF  
8 THE BOARD, DAVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION  
9 AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AND CONTINUE EATING YOUR  
10 BROCCOLI. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **DEPUTY DAVE MIKLOS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS, AND PARTICULARLY MIKE, FOR PROVIDING THIS SCROLL  
14 FOR ME. I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A ROLE MODEL FOR PHYSICAL  
15 FITNESS AND I TRY TO INSPIRE OTHER OFFICERS. I'D REALLY LIKE  
16 TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH ME HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT,  
17 HAVE PROVIDED ME A LOT OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. MY WIFE,  
18 ROBERTA; COMMANDER RODRIGUEZ, MY PARTNER, DAVE JENNINGS, ALSO  
19 SERGEANT ED ROLSTON, DETECTIVE STEVE LANGFORD, LIEUTENANT DAVE  
20 MEEK, LIEUTENANT BOBBY DENHAM AND MY CAPTAIN, TERRY JUDGE.  
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **CAPTAIN TERRY JUDGE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HONOR DAVE. HE'S  
25 A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS ON THE SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.  
2 WE'RE ALSO PROUD OF THE HARD WORK THAT HE PUTS INTO PROVIDING  
3 SERVICE TO THE MEMBERS OR THE RESIDENTS OF PALMDALE AND  
4 LANCASTER AND WE'RE PROUD TO SAY THAT HE'LL SOON BE PROMOTED  
5 TO SERGEANT. HE'S ON THE PROMOTIONAL LIST OF SERGEANTS, SO  
6 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GEE, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR, WE ARE  
11 OBVIOUSLY VERY PROUD OF DAVE MIKLOS. HE IS CERTAINLY AN  
12 INSPIRATION FOR ANYBODY AT ANY AGE TO STAY FIT. I'M PROUD TO  
13 HAVE HIM AS PART OF OUR TEAM UP THERE IN PALMDALE. SO THANK  
14 YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE HIM. [  
15 INDISTINCT VOICES ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE TEMPLE CITY  
18 ROTARY CLUB, SHARI PICA AND BOB DAWSON, WHO ARE HERE TODAY AS  
19 WE RECOGNIZE THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN CHARITABLE AND  
20 CIVIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST 56 YEARS. THEY WERE FOUNDED IN  
21 1947, THEY PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORTED SCHOOLS,  
22 SENIORS, A READING PROGRAM, A 'READING BY 9' PROGRAM, STUDENT  
23 EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, HOUSE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS, AND  
24 VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTLESS FUNDRAISERS AND CITY SPONSORED  
25 EVENTS. THE CLUB WAS HIGHLY ACTIVE IN THE POLIO PLUS PROGRAM,



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1 WHICH WAS PART OF THE ROTARIAN'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM  
2 SPONSORED BY 1.2 MILLION ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS IN 168 COUNTRIES  
3 AROUND THE WORLD, GENERATING MORE THAN 1 BILLION DOSES OF  
4 POLIO VACCINE TO CHILDREN WORLD-WIDE TO WIPE OUT POLIO WORLD-  
5 WIDE. THEY DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN A PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
6 PARTNERSHIP. THIS SERVICE GROUP HAS ALSO HELPED CAREER DAYS  
7 AND BUSINESS EXPOS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE BUSINESS  
8 COMMUNITY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
9 RECOGNIZE THE TEMPLE CITY ROTARY CLUB FOR THEIR GREAT  
10 LEADERSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **BOB DAWSON:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND IN  
13 PARTICULAR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY  
14 CLUB. I'VE BEEN IN THE CLUB PERSONALLY ABOUT 15 YEARS AND THE  
15 CLUB HAS BEEN AROUND FOR OVER 50 YEARS, AND WE REALLY  
16 ACCOMPLISHED A LOT AND HOPEFULLY WE'VE MADE A WORTHWHILE  
17 CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY. AND AGAIN, I REALLY THANK THE  
18 BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING OUR CLUB. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SHARI PICA:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE  
21 BOARD. I'VE BEEN IN ROTARY FOR MANY YEARS AND I'M VERY PROUD  
22 TO BE A ROTARIAN. AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE -- TO GET THIS HONOR  
23 FOR SOMETHING I LOVE DOING. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE  
24 ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE GIRL NAMED SHOTSYS, WHO'S  
2   A TERRIER MIX, SHE'S 18 MONTHS OLD WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.  
3   SO THIS IS -- SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO  
4   ADOPT HER CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR  
5   TELEVISION SCREEN, WHICH IS AREA CODE 562-940-6898, OR ANYBODY  
6   IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE HER. HERE, WOULD YOU LIKE THAT,  
7   THERE YOU GO. SEE ANYONE. SEE, SEE OVER THERE, LOOK OVER  
8   THERE, SEE. SEE ANYBODY OVER THERE HUH, SEE, SEE ANYBODY HUH,  
9   LOOK OVER THERE. OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY DO YOU HAVE ANY  
12   PRESENTATIONS? DID GLORIA -- GLORIA DID ALL OF HER'S RIGHT,  
13   DID GLORIA HAVE ANY OTHER PRESENTATIONS?

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR -- I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD  
18   ANY MORE PRESENTATIONS.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DO NOT, NO.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK SISTER JUNE  
25   WILKERSON TO JOIN US HERE FOR A MOMENT. COME ON UP HERE. GOOD



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1 TO SEE YOU, HOW ARE YOU? MADAM CHAIR, SISTER JUNE WILKERSON  
2 GREW UP IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE SHE ATTENDED FONT BON,  
3 WAS IT, OH IT'S NOT BAD FOR AN ANGELINO, FONT BON COLLEGE  
4 BEFORE ENTERING THE CINCINAWA DOMINICANS. SUBSEQUENTLY, I HAVE  
5 A FEELING THIS IS SOME KIND OF A TEST OF MY ELOCUTION HERE,  
6 SUBSEQUENTLY, SHE TAUGHT SOCIAL STUDIES FOR 30 YEARS IN RURAL  
7 AND SUBURBAN SCHOOLS IN ALABAMA, ILLINOIS, MINNESOTA, AND  
8 WISCONSIN. DURING THE 1980S, SISTER JUNE WILKERSON SERVED AS  
9 DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL AND  
10 TAUGHT SOCIAL JUSTICE CLASSES AT ST. JOHN VIANI COLLEGE. SHE  
11 ALSO SUPERVISED WORKING SOJOURNS TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.  
12 SHE CAME TO CALIFORNIA IN THE EARLY 1990S TO BEGIN A NEW  
13 CAREER IN THE PARISH NURSE PROGRAM OF HOLY CROSS MEDICAL  
14 CENTER IN MISSION HILLS, WHERE SHE SUBSEQUENTLY STARTED THE  
15 COMMUNITY WELLNESS SERVICE THAT PROVIDED BREAST CANCER  
16 EDUCATION AND SCREENINGS TO LOW-INCOME WOMEN. AFTER A BRIEF  
17 RETIREMENT, SHE RETURNED TO PROVIDENCE HOLY CROSS MEDICAL  
18 CENTER AND STARTED A TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAM. GANG MEMBERS CAN  
19 HAVE THEIR TATTOOS REMOVED IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO  
20 COMMUNITY SERVICE. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, MORE THAN 5,700 TATTOO  
21 REMOVAL TREATMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN EXCHANGE FOR 90,000  
22 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. AND THE BOARD WANTED TO HONOR  
23 SISTER JUNE FOR HER WORK, AND COMMEND HER FOR HER LIFELONG  
24 COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS WHILE TREATING  
25 EACH PERSON WITH RESPECT, AND DIGNITY, AND COMPASSION. AND YOU



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1 ARE EXTENDED THE SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND REWARDING  
2 RETIREMENT WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL YOUR  
3 FUTURE ENDEAVORS. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, THE FACT OF THE  
4 MATTER IS, SISTER JUNE WILKERSON IS KIND OF A LEGEND OUT IN  
5 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, IN HER PART OF THE SAN FERNANDO  
6 VALLEY, AND HAS MADE SUCH A HUGE DIFFERENCE. I KNOW THAT  
7 COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE VOUCHED FOR YOU AND HAVE TOUTED YOUR  
8 WORK, MY STAFF HAS TOUTED YOUR WORK, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO  
9 THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND THIS IS BETTER THAN  
10 MINNEAPOLIS, ISN'T IT?

11

12 **SISTER JUNE WILKERSON:** IT IS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE WINTERS  
15 HERE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS  
16 PROCLAMATION AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK  
17 YOU'VE DONE WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
18 THANKS A LOT. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SISTER JUNE WILKERSON:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS  
21 HONOR. I'M REALLY HERE REPRESENTING OVER 300 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO  
22 HAD BEGAN LIFE IN A WAY -- IN A DIRECTION THAT WAS MAYBE LESS  
23 HELPFUL AND WHO COVERED WITH TATTOOS, EVEN THOUGH THEY CHANGED  
24 THEIR LIFE, THEY CANNOT CHANGE IT, AND THANKS TO ZEV AND THE  
25 SUPPORT OF HIS -- OF ZEV AND HIS OFFICE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO



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1   HELP PEOPLE GET -- REMOVE THEIR TATTOOS, GET JOBS, AND GO ON  
2   WITH THEIR LIFE, AND SO WE'RE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT  
3   THAT WE'VE GOTTEN FROM THE BOARD, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANKS  
4   ZEV.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS A LOT.

7

8   **SISTER JUNE WILKERSON:** I APPRECIATE IT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL CRAIG THOMPSON FORWARD.  
11   DESPITE THE DRUG COCKTAILS THAT HAVE INCREASED THE LIFE  
12   EXPECTANCY AND SPAN AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOSE PATIENTS  
13   LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM, A.I.D.S. CONTINUES TO  
14   BE A GROWING THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH. A.I.D.S. HAS EXPANDED SO  
15   THAT ITS VICTIMS INCLUDE PEOPLE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, AGE,  
16   INCOME, AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL AND SEXUAL PREFERENCE. IN FACT,  
17   THE NEW FACE OF A.I.D.S. IS THE FAMILY: FATHERS, MOTHERS,  
18   CHILDREN, EVEN NEWBORN BABIES. A.I.D.S. PROJECT L.A., OFTEN  
19   KNOWN AS A.P.L.A., IS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST A.I.D.S. SERVICE  
20   ORGANIZATION IN CALIFORNIA. A.P.L.A. HAS BEEN RAISING FUNDS  
21   AND AWARENESS THROUGH A.I.D.S. WALK LOS ANGELES SINCE 1985 AND  
22   PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICE TO MORE THAN 10,000 MEN,  
23   WOMEN, AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THE COUNTY  
24   OF LOS ANGELES. COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED  
25   A.I.D.S. PROJECT L.A. BY DONATING \$350,000 DURING THE LAST



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1 EIGHT A.I.D.S. WALKS TO HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST  
2 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE NINTH A.I.D.S. WALK  
3 IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, AND ON BEHALF  
4 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 19TH,  
5 2003, AS A.I.D.S. WALK DAY IN THE COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE  
6 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE A.P.L.A., ITS EXECUTIVE  
7 DIRECTOR, CRAIG THOMPSON, AND THE A.P.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
8 FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE MORE THAN 50,000  
9 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **CRAIG THOMPSON:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE  
13 FOR THIS HONOR FOR A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES. BUT ALSO, I'D  
14 LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VERY GENEROUS EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF  
15 LOS ANGELES FOR ALL THESE NINE YEARS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED  
16 A.I.D.S. WALK AND THE LEADERSHIP ON A.I.D.S. WALK HAS COME  
17 FROM THE VERY TOP, FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FROM THE  
18 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ON DOWN, AND WE REALLY COULDN'T  
19 DO IT WITHOUT YOU. BUT ALSO, I'D LIKE TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY  
20 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITS LEADERSHIP ON  
21 A.I.D.S. OVER THESE LAST 15 YEARS. WE HAVE A LOT OF BATTLES  
22 WITH YOU FOLKS, WE'RE ALWAYS IN HERE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY.  
23 THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH MONEY, THERE'S ALWAYS MORE NEED, AND AS  
24 ADVOCATES, WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME CHALLENGING THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT



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1 I'M OUT THERE NATIONALLY, I LOOK AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND LOS  
2 ANGELES HAS AN A.I.D.S. DELIVERY SERVICE SYSTEM THAT WE CAN BE  
3 VERY PROUD OF, THAT ALL OF US WORKED VERY, VERY HARD OVER ALL  
4 THESE YEARS TO PUT TOGETHER, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE AT RISK  
5 OF LOSING THAT SYSTEM. WE'RE AT RISK BECAUSE, AS WE ALL KNOW,  
6 LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICITS, CUTS THAT ARE COMING  
7 THROUGH, BUT ALSO A PRECIPITOUS DECLINE IN PRIVATE  
8 FUNDRAISING. AND A.I.D.S. SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE  
9 BEEN BUILT ON GOVERNMENT MONEY, BUT THEY'VE ALSO BEEN BUILT ON  
10 PRIVATE MONEY AND EVENTS SUCH AS THE A.I.D.S. WALK. SO WE'RE  
11 REALLY HEARTENED TODAY BY SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION, BY ALL  
12 THE HELP WE'VE RECEIVED ALL THESE YEARS FROM SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND THE REST OF THE BOARD, BUT  
14 PARTICULARLY NOW WITH YOUR REINVIGORATION AROUND A.I.D.S. WALK  
15 AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. IN THIS  
16 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, AND WE'LL SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 19TH.  
17 [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, THIS IS ALL OF OUR GOOD  
20 WORKDAY, RACE FOR THE CURE DAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL LINDA PURA  
21 AND MEMBERS OF THE SUSAN B. KOMEN UP -- SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST  
22 CANCER FOUNDATION FORWARD. THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER  
23 FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 BY NANCY BRICKER TO HONOR  
24 THE MEMORY OF HER SISTER, SUSAN G. KOMEN, WHO DIED OF BREAST  
25 CANCER AT THE AGE OF 36. THE FOUNDATION HAS EXPANDED TO BECOME





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1 AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH A NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS  
2 WORKING THROUGH LOCAL AFFILIATES AND COMMON RACE FOR THE CURE  
3 EVENTS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFILIATE WAS ESTABLISHED IN  
4 1996. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION PROMOTE THE BETTER  
5 TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER. NOW THINGS HAVE IMPROVED TO THE  
6 POINT WHERE THE 5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE IS MORE THAN 95% WHEN  
7 BREAST CANCER IS CONFINED TO THE BREAST. HOWEVER, BREAST  
8 CANCER CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM. IT IS SECOND ONLY TO  
9 LUNG CANCER IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IT CAUSES. THIS YEAR, LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY 6,690 WOMEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH INVASIVE  
11 BREAST CANCER, AND 1,105 WOMEN WILL DIE. ON BEHALF OF THE  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS -- AND THAT'S REALLY A STARTLING NUMBER,  
13 THAT TODAY, WITH ALL OF OUR SCIENCE, ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE  
14 DO, THAT THANK YOU CAN SAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1,100 WOMEN  
15 ARE GOING TO DIE OF BREAST CANCER. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS, I HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2003, AS  
17 RACE FOR THE CURE DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I ENCOURAGE ALL  
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT THE  
19 RACE FOR THE CURE, 5-K EVENT AT THE ROSE BOWL IN PASADENA ON  
20 THAT DAY. THE PAYCHECK STUBS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN OCTOBER  
21 WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW PEOPLE CAN TAKE PART IN RACE  
22 FOR THE CURE DAY. AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I  
23 DECLARE THAT ALL OF US JOIN THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER  
24 FOUNDATION IN ITS MISSION TO ERADICATE BREAST CANCER AS A



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1 LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE BY ADVANCING RESEARCH, EDUCATION,  
2 SCREENING, AND TREATMENT. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.

3

4 **LINDA S. PURA:** WELL, FOR ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, AND WE ARE  
5 ALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE KOMEN FOUNDATION, WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR HER SUPPORT, HER PERSONAL SUPPORT AND HER  
7 PERSONAL TEAM AS WELL EVERY YEAR, AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR  
8 HELPING US ALSO RAISE MONEY. AND IN FACT, WE HAVE, IN OUR  
9 EIGHT-YEAR HISTORY, WE HAVE GIVEN BACK TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES OVER \$3 MILLION IN SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT  
11 FOR THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION. AND SO WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE  
12 EVERYBODY, BECAUSE IT'S A REALLY GREAT THING TO GET OUT THERE  
13 ON NOVEMBER 2ND AT THE ROSE BOWL AND JOIN US ALL IN WALKING,  
14 RUNNING, OR EVEN JAZZER-SIZING OR JUST KIND OF WAVING AS  
15 EVERYBODY GOES BY ON NOVEMBER 2ND. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND  
16 ALSO, ANOTHER -- THIS YEAR IS OUR FOURTH EDITION THAT WE CO-  
17 SPONSOR WITH THE CANCER DETECTION PROGRAM, IS THE FOURTH  
18 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BREAST HEALTH RESOURCE  
19 GUIDE, AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS HOT OFF THE PRESSES TO THE  
20 SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR FIRST COPY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** : THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR A BIG SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

2

3    **LINDA S. PURA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALWAYS.

6

7    **LINDA. S. PURA:** HOPE YOU'LL BE THERE.

8

9    **SPEAKER:** AND I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE RIBBON TOO.

10

11    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH THANK YOU, THANK YOU. WE HAVE ALL TEAMS  
12    THERE, WORK -- SUPPORTING AND WORKING ON IT. I'D LIKE TO ASK  
13    DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD TO COME FORWARD. MENTAL HEALTH, LIKE  
14    PHYSICAL HEALTH, IS SOMETHING WE ALL TOO OFTEN TAKE FOR  
15    GRANTED UNTIL IT HAPPENS EITHER TO US OR SOMEONE WE KNOW. THEN  
16    WE REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT MENTAL HEALTH IS TO THE GOOD QUALITY  
17    OF LIFE. ALL TOO OFTEN A LOSS OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR WHATEVER  
18    REASON, STILL CARRIES A STIGMA, SO THE VERY PEOPLE WHO NEED  
19    HELP ARE THEIR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES TRY TO DENY THE ILLNESS.  
20    RESEARCH AND STATISTICS HAVE ALREADY REVEALED THAT THERE IS A  
21    HIGH CORRELATION BETWEEN MENTAL ILLNESS AND INCARCERATION IN  
22    JAILS OR PRISONS AND IN CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. WE KNOW THAT  
23    ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFTEN OCCURS SIDE BY SIDE  
24    WITH MENTAL DISORDERS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF WARDS  
25    IN FOSTER CARE SUFFER FROM MENTAL DISORDERS THAT ARE EITHER



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1 CONGENITAL OR CAUSED BY DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY CONDITIONS. IN A  
2 HUGE ENTITY SUCH AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WITH 10 MILLION  
3 RESIDENTS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO NEED ACCESS TO GOOD  
4 TREATMENT, THERAPY, AND REENTRY PROGRAMS IS ENORMOUS. ALL OF  
5 THESE ARE REASONS WHY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DECLARED  
6 OCTOBER 5TH THROUGH THE 11TH AS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK.  
7 DURING THIS WEEK, I URGE COUNTY RESIDENTS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL  
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF MENTAL ILLNESS  
9 AND SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM LINKED WITH IT. I BELIEVE AN  
10 INCREASE IN AWARENESS WILL HELP PROMOTE GREATER ACCESS TO  
11 EFFECTIVE TREATMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM  
12 MENTAL DISEASE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO SUFFER  
13 WITH THEM. DR. SOUTHARD? [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
16 AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT ON OUR EFFORTS TO  
17 MAKE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF PERSONS  
18 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THERE'S JUST THREE BRIEF  
19 THINGS I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IN THAT AWARENESS TODAY. FIRST IS  
20 THAT MENTAL ILLNESS, LIKE MANY OTHER DISEASES, RESPONDS BEST  
21 TO EARLY INTERVENTION. THE EARLIER WE CAN GET TREATMENT, THE  
22 BETTER THE OUTCOME FOR THOSE BEING TREATED. SECOND, MENTAL  
23 ILLNESS, AS SUPERVISOR BURKE REFERRED TO EARLIER, IS  
24 COMPLICATED BY THE ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE TOWARDS PERSONS WHO  
25 HAVE THAT. SO THE STIGMA RELATED TO MENTAL ILLNESS COMPLICATES



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1 RECOVERY FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. AND THE THIRD THING IS AS  
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE REFERRED TO, THE COMBINATION OF MENTAL  
3 ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE WHICH SO OFTEN GO TOGETHER, CALLS  
4 FOR THE NEED FOR INTEGRATED TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN  
6 CREATING THAT INTEGRATIVE TREATMENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, REMEMBER, TREATMENT WORKS, AND  
8 SO EARLY TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS CAN PRODUCE BETTER  
9 RESULTS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES ALL THE  
12 PRESENTATIONS, I BELIEVE. AND WHO'S UP FIRST? IS IT SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH? YOU'RE UP FIRST, UH-HUH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN  
16 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD O'CONNOR, WHO PASSED AWAY  
17 AT THE AGE OF 78 AND WAS A LEGEND BOTH ON STAGE AND SCREEN,  
18 AND ALSO HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED ON THE POLITICAL SIDE AS WELL,  
19 AND ALSO A PART OF MANY OF THOSE GROUPS THAT HELPED RONALD  
20 REAGAN WHEN HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. HAROLD JAMES, LONG-TIME  
21 ALTADENA RESIDENT. HE WAS A WELL-RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER  
22 AND HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,  
23 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING US WITH THE  
24 REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN ALTADENA, WHERE WE ARE NOW MOVING  
25 FORWARD TO BUILD THE MARKET AND OTHER AMENITIES FOR THAT AREA.



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1 PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY THIS PAST WEEK. FRANK RUDOLPH CARLSON  
2 FROM GLENDALE, HE WAS A ACTIVE MEMBER IN UNION 1247 AND MEMBER  
3 OF THE GLENDALE ELK'S LODGE. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, MARCY, AND  
4 THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS AND A BROTHER. BETH CHANUCK, WHO PASSED  
5 AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. SHE WAS A INTERIOR DESIGNER FOR MANY  
6 YEARS AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE FRIENDS OF ROBINSON GARDENS.  
7 AND SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND, TED, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN.  
8 GORDON JUMP, A LONG-TIME ACTOR, FOR HIS ROLES AS THE BIG GUY,  
9 ARTHUR CARLSON IN THE TELEVISION SERIES, 'WKRP IN CINCINNATI,'  
10 AS WELL AS THE MAYTAG COMMERCIALS. AND HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN  
11 THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, DONATING HIS TIME TO  
12 COMMUNITY EVENTS. MARYANN BUFFINGTON KNOLL, WHO WAS A FORMER  
13 ATTORNEY WITH OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE,  
14 SPECIALIZING IN PROBATE ISSUES, PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH  
15 AT THE AGE OF 65. GEORGE SOMAS, L.A.-BASED CIVIL ENGINEER,  
16 LAND SURVEYING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FIRM THAT BEARS HIS  
17 NAME, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 ON SEPTEMBER 23RD. HE  
18 OPENED A SMALL OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES AND HIS CLIENT ROSTER  
19 QUICKLY GREW TO INCLUDE THE SAFEWAY STORES, TEXACO, THE ARMY  
20 CORPS OF ENGINEER, AND THE HOMES OF MANY LOCAL PERSONALITIES.  
21 HIS FIRM WENT ON TO ADD CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SUCH  
22 FIRMS AS WELLSON BECKET AND NOTABLE PROJECTS INCLUDED STAPLE  
23 CENTER, THE GETTY CENTER, DISNEY CONCERT HALL, THE 2002 WINTER  
24 OLYMPICS AND MANY OTHER FINE PROJECTS, AND HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE  
25 IN THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE SOUTHERN





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1 CALIFORNIA SURVEYOR'S JOINT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. ANN SIMON  
2 FROM SANTA CLARITA, SHE WAS A COUNSELOR, AN EDUCATOR, TEACHER  
3 AT THE LEARNING POST HIGH SCHOOL, AND SHE TAUGHT SINCE THE  
4 1970S BEGINNING AT HART AND CANYON HIGH SCHOOLS AS AN ENGLISH  
5 INSTRUCTOR. AT THE LEARNING POST, SHE TAUGHT EVERY SUBJECT,  
6 BUT HER GREATEST LOVE WAS ENGLISH. AND HAZEL STREBER, LONG-  
7 TIME LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE RESIDENT AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LA  
8 CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
9 HUSBAND BILL, AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- I KNOW THERE HAVE -- THERE ARE -- MR.  
14 JANSSEN? MR. JANSSEN?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF WORK ACTIONS, CAN  
19 WE HAVE A COMMITMENT THAT THE COUNTY WILL AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE  
20 NEGOTIATIONS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, MR. SUPERVISOR, WE ARE. WE MEET  
23 WEEKLY WITH --

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ABOUT MEETING DAILY?



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1

2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK -- WELL, WE CERTAINLY ARE AVAILABLE TO  
3 DO THAT WITH THE UNIONS. WE HAVE ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON.  
4 IN MY MIND, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON OR EXCUSE FOR THE  
5 SLOWDOWNS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, BUT COULD WE HAVE DAILY NEGOTIATIONS,  
8 AND YOU COULD UPDATE THE BOARD DAILY?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'LL TALK TO OUR PEOPLE ABOUT IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. -- MADAM CHAIR, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE  
13 THIS UP IN CLOSED SESSION TODAY ARE WE?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, WE ARE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 'CAUSE I'VE RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION OR A  
18 COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COURTS THAT SAY THAT THEY'VE  
19 ESSENTIALLY SHUT DOWN THE CRIMINAL COURTS TODAY AND THAT IT'S  
20 A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE NOW.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY HAVEN'T ACTUALLY -- MORE RECENT  
23 INFORMATION, BILL, INDICATES THAT HAS NOT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.  
24 THEY HAVE PROBLEMS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT SHUT DOWN THE COURTS



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1 TODAY. THAT WAS EARLIER INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE  
2 COURTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THE COURT'S NO LONGER  
5 CONCERNED? ABOUT CRIMINALS GETTING LET OUT ON THE STREET?

6

7 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THEY'RE NOT TO THAT LEVEL OF CONCERN YET,  
8 SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS COOPERATED  
9 WITH THE COURTS AND HAS ARRANGED FOR PERSONNEL FROM OTHER  
10 ASSIGNMENTS, SUCH AS CUSTODY, TO FULFILL THOSE REQUIREMENTS TO  
11 KEEP THE COURTS OPEN TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THAT WHAT'S RESULTING IN THE 24-HOUR  
14 LOCKDOWN WITHIN THE JAILS THEMSELVES, THAT I SAW EARLIER THIS  
15 WEEK?

16

17 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THAT MAY BE. I'M NOT SURE OF THAT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND AS A MATTER OF COURSE, ARE WE PERMITTED  
20 TO ENGAGE IN 24-HOUR LOCKDOWNS IN THE JAIL IN ORDER TO BETTER  
21 MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT, OR DO WE HAVE A POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUE  
22 THERE?

23



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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** ANY TIME YOU PUT THE DEPARTMENT -- OR THE  
2 DEPARTMENT PUTS THE JAIL INTO A LOCKDOWN, THAT CAN LEAD TO  
3 OTHER POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT  
6 THIS IN CLOSED SESSION SO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WELL THIS WILL BE IN CLOSED SESSION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE COURTS

11 --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. JANSSEN?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- SO WHEN WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL  
16 HAVE THAT INFORMATION, MR. JANSSEN?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. JANSSEN?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE GO IN CLOSED SESSION, COULD WE HAVE  
23 AN UPDATE ON THE COURTS SO WE'LL HAVE THAT CURRENT  
24 INFORMATION?

25



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1    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES WE'LL DO THAT.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I MEAN HAVE  
6    THE COUNTY AND THE DEPUTY SHERIFF'S UNION HAVE BEEN AT THE  
7    TABLE HAVE THEY NOT?

8

9    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES WE HAVE BEEN AT THE TABLE.

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE HAVE BEEN OFFERS AND COUNTER  
12    OFFERS MADE?

13

14    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE HAVE BEEN OFFERS AND COUNTER OFFERS MADE  
15    AND FULL DISCUSSION OF ALL THE ISSUES.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I UNDERSTAND ON THE -- I HOPE I'M  
18    CORRECT ON THIS THAT ON THE A.L.A.D.S. HOTLINE THERE WAS A  
19    RUMOR THAT WE WERE GOING TO SUSPENDED THE CERTAIN PAYMENTS  
20    SUCH AS THE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE. IS THAT TRUE? I MEAN NOT AS --  
21    IT WAS ON THE HOTLINE, IS IT TRUE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SUSPEND  
22    THE --

23

24    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT IS NOT TRUE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SUSPEND THE  
25    UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, AND I CHECKED THEIR HOTLINE THIS MORNING



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1 AND IT WAS LAST UPDATED ON THE 19TH OF SEPTEMBER. IT'S 10 DAYS  
2 OUT OF RELEVANCE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IT STILL HAS THE MESSAGE ON? THE SAME?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DIDN'T LISTEN TO THE WHOLE THING. I STOPPED  
7 WHEN IT SAID AS OF SEPTEMBER 19TH, WE'VE BEEN MEETING SEVERAL  
8 TIMES SINCE THEN. BUT NO, WE HAVE NO PLANS TO STOP UNIFORM  
9 ALLOWANCE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH ITEM NUMBER 65.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON  
16 THIS, AND WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? WHO IS IT? MERRITT  
17 HOLLOWAY AND YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
18 FORWARD? I DON'T HAVE MY -- YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
19 NAME?

20

21 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES. JUST FOR THE RECORD, EARLIER YOU  
22 HAD CALLED ME MISS YVONNE MITCHELL AUTRY. JUST FOR THE RECORD,  
23 MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE, THAT'S M-I-C-H-E-L-L --

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MICHELLE, I'M SORRY.





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2 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MICHELLE AUTRY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK YOU WERE ASKED TO SPEAK -- YOU  
5 WERE ASKING TO SPEAK ON TWO ITEMS.

6

7 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ACTUALLY, THERE WERE THREE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU CAN SPEAK ON ALL THREE NOW.

10

11 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OH OKAY THANK YOU. SO WOULD THAT BE A  
12 TOTAL OF NINE MINUTES, OR HOW MANY MINUTES WOULD THAT BE  
13 ALLOTTED, MS. BURKE, SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

16

17 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** HOW MANY -- THEN FOR -- WOULD I HAVE A  
18 TOTAL OF NINE MINUTES OR WOULD THAT ME HOW MANY MINUTES?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, YOU'LL HAVE A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES.

21

22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS ALL THREE  
23 ISSUES?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH.



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2 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM THAT I'D  
3 LIKE TO ADDRESS, AND WHY IS THAT, BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THERE'S  
4 ANOTHER WOMAN WHO SPEAKS REGULARLY AND SHE'S ALLOWED TWO  
5 SEPARATE -- LIKE THREE MINUTES --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THE LAST TIME, IF YOU RECALL, LAST  
8 WEEK, SHE SPOKE ON ALL THREE AT ONE TIME.

9

10 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NO. THE FRENCH WOMAN.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. SHE SPOKE ON ALL THREE AT ONE TIME.  
13 SHE HAS, IN THE PAST, SPOKEN ON -- AT TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT  
14 TIMES, BUT IT HAS BECOME SO DIFFICULT FOR US TO MANAGE THE  
15 MEETINGS WITH HER AND OTHER PEOPLE SPEAKING ON LOTS OF  
16 DIFFERENT ITEMS THAT WOULD NOT BE HELD OTHERWISE THAT WE'RE  
17 ASKING HER AND, LAST WEEK SHE DID AGREE, TO SPEAK ON ALL OF  
18 HER ITEMS AT ONE TIME. NOW, AND SO WE'RE ASKING EVERYONE TO DO  
19 THAT.

20

21 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THERE WOULD  
22 BE SOME TYPE OF FAIR AND EQUAL APPLICATION --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, WE ABSOLUTELY, ARE FAIR AND  
25 EVERYONE WILL BE ASKED TO APPLY BY THE SAME WAY.



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2 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL, ACTUALLY, I WOULD LIKE AT LEAST  
3 SIX MINUTES, IF POSSIBLE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BECAUSE IN -- IN  
8 JUST MAINTAINING AND MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS A GOVERNMENT OF  
9 THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE --

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WOULD YOU TELL US WHICH ITEM YOU'RE  
12 SPEAKING ON AS YOU GO FROM EACH TIME AND EXPLAIN THE ISSUES  
13 THAT ARE RELATING TO THAT ITEM, IF YOU WOULD ADDRESS THAT.

14

15 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS, LET'S  
16 SEE, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM  
17 NUMBER 19, LET'S SEE I THINK IT'S -- I'VE MENTIONED THAT I DO  
18 HAVE A SON THAT'S IN THE SYSTEM, AND LIKE I SAID, IN  
19 MAINTAINING OR MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE A GOVERNMENT THAT DOES  
20 HAVE OUR BEST INTERESTS AT HEART, I'D LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR  
21 ATTENTION SOMETHING THAT I'VE READ IN A NEW AMERICAN MAGAZINE.  
22 THIS IS DOCUMENTED. NOW, I'M PUBLISHED REGARDING SOME OF THE  
23 EXPERIENCES THAT I'VE HAD IN THE SYSTEM, BUT THIS ARTICLE  
24 REVEALS THAT ACTUALLY, THIS -- IT SERVES THE BEST INTERESTS OF  
25 THE SYSTEM --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THIS IS ON INDEPENDENT LIVING AND  
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

4

5 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NO. ACTUALLY, THIS IS AN ARTICLE --  
6 WELL, ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOUR ALLOTING MONEY TO  
7 PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING, ALTERNATIVE HOUSING FOR CHILDREN WHO  
8 ARE ELIGIBLE, WHO ARE NOT HAPPY IN THEIR HOMES OR IN THEIR  
9 FOSTER HOMES BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, CHILDREN ARE DYING IN THE  
10 SYSTEM. SPECIFICALLY, MOSTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN.  
11 THEY'RE ALSO BEING ABUSED. THEY'RE TRAUMATIZED BECAUSE THEY'RE  
12 ORIGINALLY SEPARATED FROM BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, AND SOME OF THEM  
13 ARE NOT ABUSING THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEY'RE MEDICATED, AND  
14 MANY OF THEM ARE DYING IN THE SYSTEM. SO FOR THOSE THAT ARE  
15 OLD ENOUGH TO OPT FOR ALTERNATIVE HOUSING, THEN I APPLAUD YOUR  
16 EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THAT. BUT SPECIFICALLY, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS  
17 ANOTHER ISSUE, ISSUE OF PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN LIED ON, ISSUE  
18 OF PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

21

22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THIS IS THE SAME ITEM. I JUST WANTED TO  
23 ADDRESS THE GREATER ISSUE OR THE OVERALL ISSUE OF THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES AND HOW THEY'RE MINISTERING TO  
25 THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM AND ALSO ADDRESSING



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1 PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THEM -- TAKEN FROM  
2 THEM ON FRAUDULENT CHARGES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN, ON, YOU  
3 KNOW, CHARGES AND DEFAMATION OF CHARACTERS, INCRIMINATION, SO  
4 STILL RELEVANT TO THIS ITEM. IT'S JUST THE GREATER, BROADER  
5 ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND WHICH OTHER ITEM DID YOU  
8 WANT TO SPEAK ON?

9

10 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NO I'M STILL ON -- I'M STILL ON ITEM  
11 19. AGAIN --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND WHICH IS THE NEXT ITEM?

14

15 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NO I'M STILL ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR  
16 BURKE, I JUST WANTED TO QUOTE THIS ARTICLE FROM THIS MAGAZINE,  
17 WHICH STATES THAT, LIKE I SAID, IT WOULD BE IN THE GREATER  
18 INTEREST OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN THE PROBLEM OF  
19 KEEPING OUR CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE YOU PROFIT NOT  
20 ONLY FROM THEM BEING MEDICATED, YOU PROFIT FROM THEM NOT ONLY  
21 BEING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, BUT  
22 USUALLY THE CHILDREN THAT ARE TRAUMATIZED GO INTO THE PRISONS,  
23 AND THESE ARE PRISONS THAT ARE PRIVATELY OWNED TODAY AND THIS  
24 GENERATES MORE MONEY. THE POINT THAT I WANTED TO MAKE IS THAT  
25 I DON'T REALLY FEEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY



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1 SERVICES, WHICH IS UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION, REALLY SERVES THE  
2 BEST INTEREST OF THE FAMILY, AND THIS IS THE POINT THAT I WANT  
3 TO MAKE. I DON'T SEE YOUR ENTITY ENCOURAGING OR DEMANDING THE  
4 SOCIAL WORKERS, THE ATTORNEYS, THOSE THAT ARE UNDER YOUR  
5 JURISDICTION, TO PREVENT THE ABUSES, THE RAPES, THE  
6 MOLESTATIONS AND THE MURDERS OF OUR CHILDREN. EVEN THOUGH YOU  
7 ARE ALLOTING MONEY SO THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE  
8 HOUSING, AND I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT SO THAT YOU  
9 WOULD BE A GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF YOUR  
10 ORIGINAL INTENT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

13

14 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AND I'M NOT -- I'M SURE MY THREE  
15 MINUTES ARE NOT UP.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SPEND YOUR WHOLE TIME  
18 ON THAT ITEM?

19

20 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL, LET'S -- INSTEAD OF YOU  
21 INTERRUPTING ME, IF YOU DON'T MIND, IF I COULD JUST CONTINUE  
22 WITH ADDRESSING THIS ITEM, AND IF I HAVE ANY EXTRA TIME, THEN  
23 I'LL ADDRESS THAT, IF THAT'S --

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE.





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2 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE THIS  
3 IS SOMETHING THAT I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT BECAUSE MY SON IS  
4 IN THE SYSTEM. I'D LIKE TO ALSO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF SOME OTHER  
5 PARENTS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT, SPECIFICALLY, YOU KNOW, WARREN  
6 WILLIAMS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU WOULD -- THAT YOU WOULD  
7 INVESTIGATE, LIKE I SAID, SOME OF THE CASES THAT ARE BEFORE  
8 YOU --

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, YOU  
11 NEED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE ISSUE THAT YOU'RE ADDRESSING, NOT  
12 ABOUT A CASE, ABOUT THE POLICY THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING. JUST BE  
13 RELEVANT TO THE POLICY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T DEAL WITH CASES HERE, THAT'S THE  
16 OTHER THING.

17

18 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY WELL I'M NOT GOING TO BE PERSONAL  
19 AND DRAW ATTENTION TO MY OWN CASE, BUT STILL, LIKE I SAID, IN  
20 ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF MAKING HOUSING ALTERNATIVE, I STILL  
21 THINK THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BIOLOGICAL PARENTS WHOSE  
22 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM AND WHO HAVE NOT -- YES,  
23 ILLEGALLY AND UNLAWFULLY, WHO HAVE BEEN INCRIMINATED AND WHOSE  
24 EVIDENCE, WHEN ALLOWED TO PRESENT IT TO THE COURT, HAS BEEN  
25 SUPPRESSED. THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT STILL HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED,



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1 IT HAS NOT BEEN EXPLAINED, AND I JUST -- I WOULD LIKE A REASON  
2 FOR THAT, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT YOU'RE REALLY SERVING OUR  
3 BEST INTERESTS. I'D ALSO LIKE AN INVESTIGATION AS TO WHY IT IS  
4 THAT THERE STILL HASN'T BEEN AN EXPOSE OR ANY TYPE OF IN-DEPTH  
5 INVESTIGATION AS TO WHY CHILDREN ARE DYING IN THE SYSTEM. WHY  
6 WOULD YOU AUTHORIZE OR WHY WOULD YOU -- WHY WOULD YOU  
7 AUTHORIZE CHILDREN TO BE PLACED IN HOMES WHERE THEY'RE BEING  
8 MURDERED? AND I WANTED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF A LOT OF THE  
9 SAME-SEX MARRIAGES. WHY IS IT THEY'RE QUALIFYING FOR ADOPTION  
10 OF CHILDREN EASIER THAN IT IS FOR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS TO BE  
11 REUNIFIED WITH THEIR CHILDREN?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR --

14

15 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** EVEN THOUGH YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS  
16 IRRELEVANT --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, I AM JUST GOING TO SAY, THAT AGAIN  
19 PLEASE ADDRESS -- WE CAN HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT WHERE YOU CAN  
20 ADDRESS ANYTHING YOU WISH, BUT YOU NEED TO STAY WITH WHATEVER  
21 POLICY ISSUE THAT YOU'RE ADDRESSING.

22

23 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL IT'S ADDRESSING THE LARGER ISSUE  
24 AND THE PROBLEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
25 SERVICES --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU NEED TO -- THE LARGER ISSUE  
3 YOU SHOULD ADDRESS UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS ISSUE, YOU  
4 SHOULD ADDRESS IS TO THE ISSUE THAT WAS BEING RAISED.

5

6 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL I WOULD LIKE THAT, MA'AM, BUT  
7 YOU'VE ACTUALLY CURTAILED OUR ABILITY OR OUR RIGHT TO ADDRESS  
8 YOU ON PUBLIC COMMENT TO EVERY THREE MONTHS, AND I DON'T THINK  
9 THAT'S ADEQUATE AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN I CAN'T CHANGE THAT FOR YOU.

12

13 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** BUT IT IS ADDRESSING, LIKE I SAID, THE  
14 LARGER ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
15 SERVICES, HOW THEY'RE ALLOWING OR HOW YOU'RE MAKING  
16 ALTERNATIVE HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN AND WHETHER OR  
17 NOT YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO REUNIFY THE FAMILY OR WHETHER OR  
18 NOT IT'S A BUSINESS BY WHICH YOU ALL PROFIT AT OUR EXPENSE.  
19 OKAY? WHERE THE FAMILIES ARE DESTROYED, WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE  
20 TRAUMATIZED AND WHERE YOU PROFIT FROM THE MEDICATION OF THE  
21 CHILDREN, YOU PROFIT BECAUSE THEY'RE EXPERIMENTED ON --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

24



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1 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AND ALSO, YOU PROFIT BECAUSE EVENTUALLY  
2 THEY BECOME WARDS OF THE STATE AND THEN THEY GO INTO THE PENAL  
3 COLONIES.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. RIGHT.

6

7 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** SO IT IS RELEVANT, IT'S JUST YOU DON'T  
8 WANT TO HEAR IT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK  
11 YOU. YES? ARE YOU SPEAKING? YOUR NAME?

12

13 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS MERRITT  
14 HOLLOWAY, BUT BEFORE I START I WOULD LIKE TO, YOU KNOW, THE  
15 ONE THING --

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU ASKED TO SPEAK ON TWO ITEMS RIGHT?

18

19 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES I'M SPEAKING ON TWO, BUT THE ONE THING,  
20 YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU KNOW, YOU SAID THAT YOU CAN'T  
21 CHANGE THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S TRUE, SOMETHING ABOUT  
22 WHEN SHE SAID ABOUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT ONLY CAN HAPPEN  
23 ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS, IN FACT, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS  
24 TO BE CHANGED, YOU KNOW, AND SO LIKE MAYBE WE SHOULD -- LET'S  
25 TAKE A VOTE RIGHT NOW, HOW ABOUT, YOU KNOW, PUT IT ON THE



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1 AGENDA THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT WE WANT TO HAVE -- WE WANT TO BE  
2 ABLE TO COMMENT MORE THAN ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS, OKAY, SO  
3 THAT LIKE -- SO LET'S, YOU KNOW, WE'LL MAKE A APPLICATION FOR  
4 THAT OR WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, WHAT CAN WE DO TO CHANGE THAT  
5 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, LIKE WHEN --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE HAVE REVIEWED IT TWO OR THREE TIMES  
8 AND DECIDED THAT IT'S ADEQUATE.

9

10 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WELL I'M SAYING I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE  
11 BROUGHT UP FOR REVIEW AGAIN, OKAY.

12

13 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** I AGREE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, YOUR TIME  
16 HAS STARTED. WHAT ITEMS ARE YOU ADDRESSING?

17

18 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY I'M STARTING RIGHT NOW. OKAY? I'M  
19 STARTING RIGHT NOW. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 20, WHICH IS  
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND ALSO I'M GOING TO ADDRESS  
21 NUMBER 65 --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 65.

24

25 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BOATING AND WATERWAYS.

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** RIGHT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THREE  
5 MINUTES PER ITEM, OR -- I SHOULDN'T NEED THAT MUCH, BUT I  
6 THINK THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO SPEAK ON TWO ITEMS --

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU HAVE TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT.

9

10 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YEAH I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT BUT  
11 WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS THAT WE WILL ADDRESS --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES WE WILL -- OKAY JUST A  
14 MOMENT.

15

16 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL ALLOW YOU SIX MINUTES BUT YOU MUST  
19 TALK ABOUT THIS CONTRACT ON BOATING AND WATERWAYS AND YOU MUST  
20 HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTRACT IN TERMS OF INDEPENDENT  
21 LIVING.

22

23 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. I'LL TALK ABOUT THE WATERWAYS FIRST,  
24 'CAUSE I KIND OF LIKE THAT ONE, AND THAT'S THE SHERIFF'S



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1 NUMBER 65, AND ALSO, I THINK I PUT -- DID I PUT 66 ALSO? IT  
2 SEEMS LIKE I DID, I PUT 65 AND 66.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY SO THAT WOULD BE NINE MINUTES, BUT I  
7 WON'T TAKE THAT LONG.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE START.

10

11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. FOR NUMBER 65, NUMBER ONE, THE  
12 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS IS NEGOTIATING  
13 WITH THE WRONG ENTITY. WE HAVE THE COAST GUARD FOR THAT  
14 PURPOSE. OKAY. NUMBER TWO, MOST CRIMINALS' TRAVEL OF CHOICE IS  
15 THE FOUR WHEEL VEHICLE, AS AN EXAMPLE, A CAR OR AN S.U.V.  
16 HOWEVER, RECENTLY, THERE WAS A BANK HOLDUP, AND THE GET-AWAY  
17 WAS A BICYCLE. PERHAPS IF A CRIMINAL WOULD DRIVE TO THE BEACH,  
18 RUN OUT OF THE CAR AND THROW THE EVIDENCE IN THE OCEAN, OKAY,  
19 OR EVEN DRIVE THE CAR OFF THE END OF THE PIER, THEN THERE  
20 COULD PERHAPS BE A REASON FOR THIS. BUT WHEN HAVE WE HEARD OF  
21 A HIGH-SPEED CHASE WHERE THE ALLEGED CRIMINAL DROVE TO THE  
22 PIER AND DROVE OFF? OKAY? HOWEVER, WE HAVE LIFEGUARDS AND  
23 PERSONNEL QUALIFIED WITH WATER, DIVING GEAR, AND ET CETERA.  
24 NUMBER THREE, WITH THE SHERIFF -- WITH THE BUDGET CRISIS IN  
25 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAVING TO LET CRIMINALS OUT





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1 EARLY, THAT AT THIS TIME, THE SHERIFF SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON  
2 LAND-BASED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND WORK IN CONCERT WITH WATER-  
3 BASED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ORGANIZATIONS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE  
4 COAST GUARD, LIFEGUARD, AND THE NAVY. THIS UNNEEDED  
5 MULTIPLICATION OF EXACT SAME SERVICES WOULD ALSO CAUSE UNDUE  
6 HARDSHIP ON AN ALREADY STRAPPED SHERIFF BUDGET THAT IS ALREADY  
7 RIDDLED WITH SHORTCOMINGS. WE NEED TO AUDIT THE STATE AND  
8 NARCOTICS FORFEITURE FUND AND SEE HOW WE CAN BETTER USE THOSE  
9 FUNDS FOR INSTITUTING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CURTAIL THE DESIRE  
10 TO USE AND CONSUME NARCOTICS. SO, YOU KNOW, SO BASICALLY WHAT  
11 I'M SAYING ON THIS NUMBER 65 IS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
12 LIKE THEY DON'T NEED ANY BOATS AND THEY DON'T NEED TO TRY,  
13 'CAUSE I DON'T THINK WE HAVE CRIMINALS GOING OUT AND JUMPING  
14 IN THE WATER AND TRYING TO HIDE EVIDENCE IN THE WATER, AND IF  
15 THEY DO, WE HAVE COAST GUARDS, WE HAVE THE NAVY, AND WE ALSO  
16 HAVE THE LIFEGUARDS WHO ALREADY HAVE THE DIVING EQUIPMENT, SO  
17 I THINK THAT WITH THE BUDGET CRISIS AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE  
18 MONEY TO FUND AND -- LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
19 FAMILY SERVICES TO GIVE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR FAMILY PROGRAMS  
20 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT WE DON'T -- EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME?  
21 YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU FINISHED?

24

25 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** NO. DID YOU HEAR WHAT I WAS SAYING?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD. I'M LISTENING TO YOU.

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY, BUT LIKE YOU WASN'T -- WHAT WAS I  
5 TALKING ABOUT?

6

7 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** IT IS RUDE WHEN YOU ALL TALK WHEN  
8 PEOPLE ARE MAKING A COMMENT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CRIMINALS GETTING INTO  
11 THE WATER.

12

13 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YEAH BUT WHAT ABOUT IT, THOUGH? THE  
14 CRIMINALS GETTING INTO THE WATER?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

17

18 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WELL THE THING ABOUT IT THOUGH IS THAT IF  
19 YOU LIKE --

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY WAIT A MINUTE. LISTEN. I AM GOING TO  
22 HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS. YOU CAN TALK IF YOU WANT TO.

23

24 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. WELL, I'LL ASKING YOU TO PAY ATTENTION  
25 TO ME, MA'AM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M LISTENING TO YOU.

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. WELL, ANYWAY, SO I'M OPPOSED TO ITEM  
5 65, AND THEN ITEM 66, AGAIN, IT'S THE SAME THING. CRIMINALS  
6 TRAVEL IN CARS, LIKE I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF THE CRIMINALS  
7 IN LOS ANGELES HAVE BOATS OR REALLY ARE GOING OUT IN THE OCEAN  
8 DOING, YOU KNOW, UNDERWATER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, AND IF THEY  
9 ARE, THEN I THINK THAT IT NEEDS TO BE THE COAST GUARD AND NOT  
10 THE NAVY. I MEAN, THE COAST GUARD AND THE NAVY AND NOT THE  
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO THEY ALREADY ARE LETTING CRIMINALS  
12 OUT EARLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE FUNDING, SO I DON'T THINK  
13 THAT WE NEED TO FUND ANY OTHER WATER ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
14 SHERIFF. THEY NEED TO WORK ON THE LAND AND TRY TO STOP SOME OF  
15 THE PEOPLE RIDING THE METROLINK UNLAWFULLY. AND ALSO, TOO,  
16 THAT THEY SHOULD USE SOME OF THE FUNDS FROM THE BUSES TO --  
17 THE ADVERTISING REVENUE FROM THE SIDES OF THE BUSES TO FUND  
18 THINGS FOR THE M.T.A. RIDERS. NOW, TO ITEM NUMBER 20, THE  
19 CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY -- CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE  
20 SERVICES, ITEM NUMBER 20. OKAY. WE NEED TO FUND ORGANIZATIONS  
21 THAT PROMOTE THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND THE REUNIFICATION OF THE  
22 CHILDREN WITH THE BIOLOGICAL -- WITH THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT.  
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES HAS  
24 AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF PHEW, AND THE FEDERAL INCENTIVES  
25 TOTALING 30 MILLION DOLLARS PLUS ANNUALLY TO DESTROY THE



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1 FAMILY AND STEAL THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE MONEY MONGERING STATE  
2 AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES WHO  
3 ON PAPER SAY THEY'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF REUNIFYING FAMILIES,  
4 BUT ALL FUNDING IS GEARED TOWARD FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE AND  
5 ADOPTION. YEAH I'M NOT FINISHED, AND I'M ON MY SECOND THREE  
6 MINUTES WHICH I DIDN'T TAKE THREE FOR THE FIRST ONE. WE MUST  
7 NOT CONTINUE TO ALLOW ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE MONEY TO THE THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES UNTIL  
9 SOME TYPE OF SERVICES ARE INSTITUTED FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION  
10 AND THESE SERVICES ARE FUNDED. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIKE  
11 THIS NUMBER 20, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THANKS FOR THE  
12 DONATION FROM U.P.S. AND LOCKHEED MARTIN. THEY NEED TO DONATE  
13 FOR SERVICES THAT ARE INSTITUTED -- THAT WE NEED TO INSTITUTE  
14 SERVICES FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION AND NOT -- NOT GIVE MONEY TO  
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES WHO  
16 ARE GEARED TOWARD FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE AND ADOPTION AND  
17 TO STEAL THE CHILDREN FROM THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT. THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY -- THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES MUST, AND WE MUST AS  
20 CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY MUST DEMAND THE SUPERVISORS -- THE  
21 SUPERVISORS TOO, AND MY TIME IS NOT UP MA'AM, TO ENACT  
22 MOTIONS, LAWS AND ETCETERA, BRINGING THE D.C.F.D.S. AND THE  
23 COURTS INTO CONGRUENCE WITH THE EXISTING WOMEN'S CODES AND  
24 OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS. THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE  
25 FALSIFYING EVIDENCE AND LYING ON OFFICIAL RECORDS. A FELONY



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1 UNDER PENAL CODE SECTION 134. THESE SOCIAL WORKERS, ATTORNEYS,  
2 AND JUDGES SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND CRIMINAL CHARGES BROUGHT  
3 IMMEDIATELY. WE SHOULD USE THE \$4 MILLION PLUS IN ITEM 19 OF  
4 THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WE SHOULD USE THE \$4 MILLION  
5 -- WE SHOULD USE THE FOUR MILLION PLUS IN ITEM 19 AND WHATEVER  
6 OTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR ACHIEVING THESE ENDS. WE MUSTN'T  
7 CONTINUE TO ALLOW CRIMINALS --

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** -- TO CONSPIRE WITH OTHER CRIMINALS POSING  
12 AS SOCIAL WORKERS, JUDGES AND EVEN ELECTED OFFICIALS --

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** AND BE REWARDED WITH MONEYS, GRANTS,  
17 DONATIONS AND ETCETERA. THE CRIMINALS COMMITTING --

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** -- CRIMES UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY THEY  
22 SHOULD BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST THING OF THE LAW.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ON ITEM NUMBER 19, IT'S MOVED BY  
2   ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA, IS IT A 4-VOTE ITEM? I'M  
3   SORRY, 19 IS A 4-VOTE ITEM?

4

5   **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** SOME OF THESE CRIMINALS ARE JULIE FULLER,  
6   LINDA HAMILTON, MICHAEL CLAYTON, LAURA CAM, DONNA SCHWEIKER  
7   AND ALL THE SOCIAL WORKERS AT D.C.F.S. AND ALSO THIS IS MY  
8   LAST LINE -- MY LAST LINE, AND ALSO JUDGE MARGARET KING,  
9   DISTRICT 420 OF THE ELEMENTS CHILDREN'S COURT.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IT'S MOVED --

12

13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WHICH ONE ARE YOU DOING?

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M DOING 19.

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17   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OH.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY --

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21   **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** AND I DIDN'T HAVE MY WHOLE SIX MINUTES BUT  
22   I'M TALKING ABOUT MY EGG TIMER, THAT'S ALL RIGHT MA'AM I'M  
23   COMING BACK MA'AM. I'LL BE BACK.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, PARDON ME, OKAY I'M  
2   CALLING -- ALL RIGHT, OR WE'RE CALLING UP ITEM NUMBER 19.  
3   MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4   ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 36, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
5   ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 65, MOVED BY  
6   MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8   **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OBJECTION, OBJECTION.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 66, IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
11   BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THAT'S A 4-  
12   VOTE ITEM. WE WILL NOW CALL ITEM NUMBER 20, SHIRLEY DIXON-  
13   FARRIOR, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ALL RIGHT. AND THANK YOU VERY  
14   MUCH. ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK YOUR TIME HAS  
17   EXPIRED.

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19   **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** (INDISTINCT).

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21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

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23   **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THIS IS SODOM AND GOMORRAH AND GOD  
24   DESTROYED SODOM AND GOMORRAH.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2

3    **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YOU HAVE THE BLOOD OF OUR CHILDREN ON  
4    YOUR HANDS --

5

6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

7

8    **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** YES, MY NAME IS SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR.  
9    I SPOKE LAST WEEK AND SOMEONE WAS SUPPOSED TO GET BACK WITH ME  
10    CONCERNING THE CHILDREN BEING PUT UNDER HYPNOSIS. I RECOMMEND  
11    THAT THE PERSON WHO DID NOT GET BACK WITH ME BE FIRED FOR  
12    THAT. AND THIS IS WHAT I'M HERE FOR TODAY, ABOUT ITEM NUMBER  
13    20, THE DONATIONS. WHEN AND WHY WERE THESE DONATIONS GIVEN? TO  
14    WHAT USE WILL THESE FUNDS BE PUT? THESE QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR  
15    MOLINA, I'M HOLDING YOUR PACKET, BUT YOU'LL RECEIVE IT WHEN I  
16    FINISH READING FROM IT. YOU KNOW, YOU PEOPLE ARE -- THIS IS  
17    LIKE COMING BEFORE PHARAOH, BUT REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WITH  
18    PHARAOH? REVIEW YOUR HISTORY. THESE QUESTIONS ARE PERTINENT  
19    BECAUSE, AS PER THE AGENDA FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30TH,  
20    APPROXIMATELY \$632,500 IS OWED OUT BY D.C.F.S. THAT'S JUST  
21    REPORTED THIS WEEK. DONATIONS CAME IN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
22    \$77,500. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD IS RECOMMENDING  
23    THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED  
24    SETTLEMENT OF CASE ENTITLED TINA B. AND RUTHIE O. VERSUS  
25    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, L.A.S.C. CASE NUMBER BC266743 IN AMOUNT



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1 OF \$382,500. THE CLAIMS BOARD IS ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT THE  
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT  
3 OF CASE ENTITLED "M, A MINOR AND OTHERS, VERSUS COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES, L.A.S.C. CASE NUMBER BC268034' IN AMOUNT OF \$250,000.  
5 FURTHERMORE, THE CLAIMS BOARD IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD  
6 OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DRAW FUNDS  
7 FROM THE BUDGET OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
8 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THESE  
9 SETTLEMENTS. IT WOULD APPEAR UNFAIR TO THE DONORS IF ANY  
10 DONATIONS OR ANY PORTION OF A DONATION IS EVER USED TO SETTLE  
11 A CLAIM. IT WOULD APPEAR MORE PRUDENT AND BENEFICIAL IF  
12 DONATIONS ARE USED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED  
13 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
14 SERVICES. THE FOLLOWING LIST PROVIDES SOME AREAS THAT ARE IN  
15 IMMEDIATE NEED OF IMPROVEMENT OR A COMPLETE CHANGE, AND WHAT  
16 JUST HAPPENED A MINUTE AGO IS PROOF, PARENTS NEED AN OUTLET.  
17 NO. WHAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR THEM TO DO, YOU'RE FILLING UP THIS  
18 PLACE WITH MORE AND MORE SHERIFFS. WHAT YOU'RE WAITING IS FOR  
19 THE PARENTS TO BECOME IRATE SO YOU CAN KNOCK THEM OVER THE  
20 HEAD OR SHOOT THEM, SO YOU CAN PUT THEM IN PRISON, AND THAT  
21 ISN'T FAIR. SO USE -- I STRONGLY OPPOSE, UNLESS YOU USE SOME  
22 OF THAT OR ALL OF THAT DONATION FOR PARENT FORUMS, WHERE  
23 PARENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT CHILDREN'S SOCIAL  
24 WORKERS, COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES WHO ABUSE THEIR  
25 AUTHORITY.



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2     **VOICE:** YEAH! YEAH!

3

4     **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** USE THE MONEY FOR PARENT CLASSES WHERE  
5     PARENTS ARE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT HOW FEDERAL LAWS GOVERN  
6     CONCERNING DRUG TESTING, PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING, ETCETERA.

7

8     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10    **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** OKAY, I THINK I'M QUALIFIED ON THE  
11    ISSUE --

12

13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE YOUR REPORT THOUGH, YOU CAN PASS  
14    -- IS THIS IT? WE HAVE A COPY.

15

16    **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** THAT'S IT.

17

18    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED BUT WE  
19    HAVE YOUR --

20

21    **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** INSTEAD OF USING THE MONEY TO TAKE  
22    SERVICES, USE IT TO GIVE THE PARENTS A FORUM SO THEY CAN  
23    SPEAK.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
2   SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.  
3   THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 20. AND NOW ITEM 25. I THINK A NUMBER OF  
4   PEOPLE HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH TO SPEAK ON THAT. ALL RIGHT.  
5   IRA KRUSKOL, LINDA LEVSHIN, RACHEL WHITE. [ INDISTINCT VOICES  
6   ]

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL ASK THE DEPARTMENT, IS THE  
9   DEPARTMENT READY TO RESPOND, OKAY. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR  
10   NAME.

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12   **IRA KRUSKOL:** I'M IRA KRUSKOL.

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14   **RACHEL WHITE:** I'M RACHEL WHITE.

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16   **LINDA LEVSHIN:** I'M LINDA LEVSHIN.

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, SO WE CAN HAVE ON  
19   THE RECORD WHO'S SPEAKING. ALL RIGHT, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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21   **IRA KRUSKOL:** IRA KRUSKOL.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, PLEASE -- CONTINUE.

24



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1   **IRA KRUSKOL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
2   COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR VIVA FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES, AND  
3   I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THIS  
4   MORNING. OUR AGENCY, VIVA, HAS BEEN DELIVERING VOCATIONAL  
5   SERVICES TO FOSTER YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR OVER 13  
6   YEARS, AND WE HAVE BEEN A CONTRACTED SKILL CENTER FOR THE  
7   DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR 10 YEARS.  
8   DURING THIS TIME, WE HAVE SERVED HUNDREDS OF YOUTH REFERRED BY  
9   D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M SPEAKING  
10   TODAY DUE TO OUR CONCERN WITH THE APPARENT LACK OF FOCUS ON  
11   THE FOSTER YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE DESIGN OF THE  
12   RECENT COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES R.F.P. WHILE WE ARE NOT  
13   QUESTIONING C.F.S.'S EXPERIENCE, SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE IN  
14   WORKING WITH ADULTS AND OLDER CITIZENS WITHIN THE COUNTY, THE  
15   R.F.P. IS LACKING IN DESIGN AND INSIGHT OF THE 16 TO 18-YEAR-  
16   OLD FOSTER YEAR OLD -- FOSTER YOUTH IN THE COUNTY. WE HAVE  
17   EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO C.S.S. AND WE WANT TO TAKE THIS  
18   OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN AS THE ADVOCATES FOR THIS  
19   MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. THE C.S.S. R.F.P. HAS STATED FROM  
20   THE INCEPTION THAT THE GOAL OF THE PROPOSAL IS TO CREATE AN  
21   EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE-BASED SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM TO ASSIST  
22   FOSTER YOUTH ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY WITH AN EMPHASIS ON  
23   EMPLOYMENT. WHILE THIS IS AN ADMIRABLE GOAL, WE BELIEVE IT  
24   DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEEDS OF THE TYPICAL 16 TO 18-YEAR-  
25   OLD FOSTER YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PROFILE OF THESE



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1 YOUTH INCLUDE AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE IN  
2 FOSTER HOMES OR GROUP HOMES OR IN DESPERATE NEED OF  
3 PREVOCATIONAL AND PRE-EMANCIPATION SKILLS, NOT AS YET READY  
4 FOR VOCATIONAL AND EMANCIPATION SKILLS. BESIDES BASIC SOCIAL  
5 SKILLS, THESE INCLUDE PRE-EMPLOYMENT SKILLS, DRESSING  
6 APPROPRIATELY, LEARNING HOW TO TAKE A BUS, AND EVEN GETTING UP  
7 ON TIME WITHOUT GETTING INTO CONFLICTS WITH THOSE ADULTS WHO  
8 HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM. THE NOTION OF GETTING PLACED IN  
9 A JOB, OR INTERNSHIP POSITIONS, PAID OR UNPAID, NOT TO MENTION  
10 HOLDING DOWN A JOB FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS IS COMPLETELY  
11 UNREALISTIC AND IS SET UP FOR FAILURE FOR THESE YOUTH. YET,  
12 THIS IS A STATED GOAL IN THE R.F.P. DESIGN. AS MOST OF THE  
13 YOUTH IN THIS AGE CATEGORY ARE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF  
14 D.C.S. AND PROBATION, THEY ARE INVOLVED IN A MYRIAD OF OTHER  
15 TREATMENT ACTIVITIES. THESE CAN INCLUDE A VARIETY OF MANDATED  
16 TREATMENT MODALITIES, INCLUDING PARENTING CLASSES, SUBSTANCE  
17 ABUSE CLASSES, DAY TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND FAMILY THERAPY  
18 SESSIONS. IN ADDITION, SO MANY OF THESE YOUTH ARE OR CAN BE IN  
19 SCHOOL AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THEIR  
20 ACADEMIC GOALS. MANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT APT TO BE COOPERATIVE  
21 IN SETTING UP SCHEDULES IN COORDINATION WITH THESE OTHER  
22 DEMANDS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS WAS NOT WELL THOUGHT  
23 THROUGH WHEN THE EMPLOYMENT COMPONENT WAS CONSIDERED AS SUCH A  
24 LARGE EMPHASIS IN THE PROPOSAL.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

2

3    **IRA KRUSKOL:** THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7    **RACHEL WHITE:** MY NAME IS RACHEL WHITE, I'M AN INDEPENDENT  
8    CONTRACTOR, I'M CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAY AND LESBIAN  
9    ADOLESCENT SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION, AND I'VE HAD AN  
10    OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SEVERAL OF THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE  
11    IMPACTED BY THE CURRENT R.F.P. BEFORE YOU IN THIS ITEM. I'D  
12    LIKE TO MAKE THREE POINTS WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER. MY FIRST  
13    CONCERN IS, AS MY COLLEAGUE ON MY LEFT HAS SAID, THIS R.F.P.,  
14    IF IMPLEMENTED AS CONSTRUCTED, WILL NOT SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE  
15    YOUTH IT IS TARGETED TO SERVE. IT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THEIR  
16    SPECIAL AND UNIQUE NEEDS IN TERMS OF FUNDAMENTAL BASIC LIFE  
17    TRAINING AS WELL AS JOB SKILL TRAINING IN ORDER TO ENTER THE  
18    WORKFORCE. SECONDLY, THERE WAS -- OVER THE HISTORY OF  
19    PROVIDING TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO THE YOUTH OF THIS  
20    COUNTY, SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO  
21    DELIVER THOSE SERVICES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF WHAT THE  
22    R.F.P. HAS DONE, IT HAS CAUSED MUCH OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE TO  
23    BE NULLIFIED AT A HUGE COST TO BOTH THE PROVIDERS AND THE  
24    COUNTY OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. THIS SEEMS UNFORGIVABLE AND A  
25    HUGE WASTE OF COUNTY RESOURCES AND FUNDS WHICH THE TAXPAYERS





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1 ARE LIABLE FOR. THE THIRD THING THAT I'D LIKE TO COMMENT UPON  
2 IS THE PROCESS ITSELF. I WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE  
3 PROCESS BUT I WAS AN OBSERVER OF THE PROCESS AS WELL AS HAVING  
4 MET WITH SEVERAL PROVIDERS WHO HAD SIMILAR COMMENTS TO WHAT  
5 I'M GOING TO MAKE. THE PROCESS WAS VERY COMPLEX, IT WAS VERY,  
6 VERY SHORT, 12 DAYS TO RESPOND TO A MAJOR, MAJOR R.F.P., ONE  
7 THAT HAD BEEN DELAYED OVER A YEAR BY THE COUNTY, AT HUGE  
8 IMPACT TO THE DELIVERERS. IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO EXAMINE  
9 THOSE CONCERNS IN THE PROCESS, THE -- D.C.S.S., AND AGAIN, I  
10 THINK THEY DO A WONDERFUL JOB FOR THE DEMOGRAPHIC THAT THEY  
11 ARE PUT TOGETHER TO DEAL WITH, DID NOT SATISFY OUR NEED TO  
12 UNDERSTAND WHY THE PROCESS WAS CONDUCTED THE WAY IT WAS.  
13 AGAIN, I'M NOT ALL THAT CONCERNED ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR AGENCY.  
14 I'M CONCERNED THAT IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT HERE  
15 TODAY, I'M CONCERNED WE'RE GOING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE YOUTH  
16 ARE GOING TO BE SERVED TOMORROW.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO  
19 THAT.

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21 **RACHEL WHITE:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YES, AND WOULD TERRY DECRESENZO  
24 PLEASE COME FORWARD? COULD YOU TAKE THAT PLEASE.

25



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1   **RACHEL WHITE:** YES.

2

3   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

4

5   **LINDA LEVSHIN:** LINDA LEVSHIN, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY-  
6   BASED SERVICES FOR THE DAVID AND MARGARET HOME LOCATED IN  
7   LAVERNE IN SPA THREE. AND WE'VE ALSO HAD THIS CONTRACT SINCE  
8   '99, AND WE HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE IT AGAIN. WE DO  
9   HAVE A SIGNIFICANT CUT OF OVER \$40,000 AND I REALLY AM JUST  
10   ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AS WE GO THROUGH THIS FIRST  
11   NINE-MONTH CONTRACT PERIOD TO HELP US ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
12   PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO THE YOUTH THAT WE NEED  
13   TO, 'CAUSE THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE DESIGN FOR THE  
14   YOUTH 16 TO 18, WHICH IS PRIMARILY WHAT WE DO GET REFERRED TO  
15   US. SO I'M ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT DURING  
16   THIS NINE MONTH PERIOD.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

19

20   **TERRY DECRESENZO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME'S TERRY DECRESENZO,  
21   I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GLASS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE  
22   OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HONORABLE  
23   SUPERVISORS ALONG WITH TODAY'S GUESTS, HONOREES, DIGNITARIES,  
24   AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE AUDIENCE. I ESPECIALLY  
25   WANT TO THANK BRENZ COPE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE



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1 FOR HER PATIENCE WITH MY MANY CALLS OVER THE PAST WEEKS. I  
2 COME BEFORE YOU TODAY OBVIOUSLY IN CONCERT WITH A NUMBER OF  
3 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE  
4 MANNER IN WHICH THE RECENT R.F.P. WAS CONDUCTED BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES REGARDING FUNDING  
6 OF JOB TRAINING SERVICES TO I.L.P. YOUTH. IF THIS GOES FORWARD  
7 AS RECOMMENDED, GLASS HAS BEGUN THE PROCESS ALREADY OF  
8 DISASSEMBLING FOUR TRAINING FACILITIES THAT WERE CREATED AT A  
9 COST IN EXCESS OF \$80,000. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IN YOUR  
10 DISTRICT, WE WILL SHUT DOWN TWO CENTERS: ONE INSIDE THE  
11 DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER WHERE WE HAVE PROVIDED TRAINING TO  
12 PROBATION YOUTH ON-SITE, WE'LL CLOSE OUR SKILL CENTER ON  
13 ATLANTIC AVENUE THAT SERVED HUNDREDS OF YOUTH LIVING IN THE  
14 FIRST DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE'VE ALREADY CLOSED OUR  
15 WEST SIDE CENTER WHERE WE DELIVERED TRAINING TO SOME OF THE  
16 MOST NEEDY YOUTH IN THE COUNTY, AND THE SAME IS TRUE IN  
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT, WHERE WE HAVE ALSO ALREADY  
18 CLOSED OUR SKILLS CENTER. THESE INVESTMENTS WERE MADE BY US  
19 FOR THE LONG-TERM TO ENSURE THAT WE COULD PROVIDE LOCAL HIGH  
20 QUALITY TRAINING TO EMERGING POTENTIAL WORKFORCE YOUTH.  
21 APPARENTLY NO VALUE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THESE INVESTMENTS AS  
22 THE PROVISIONAL AWARDS BEFORE YOU WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT  
23 PRIVATE AND COUNTY FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS TO BE WASTED. THIS  
24 MAKES NO BUSINESS SENSE WHATSOEVER. I'M AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN  
25 THE RATIONALE WHICH, BY THE WAY, HAS NEVER BEEN PROVIDED TO



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1 US. TWO FINAL POINTS, FIRST, THE PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL POORLY  
2 SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTED BY  
3 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS HERE. SECOND, D.C.S.S. CREATED AND  
4 MANAGED A NIGHTMARE R.F.P. FOR WHICH THIS AGENCY HAS  
5 DOCUMENTED OUR CONCERN IN LETTER FORMS. IN ADDITION TO ASKING  
6 THAT YOU SET ASIDE THIS R.F.P. RECOMMENDATION, REDESIGN AND  
7 RE-COMPETE THE R.F.P., I WANT TO JUST CONCLUDE BY MAKING ONE  
8 COMMENT. THIS IS NOT US COMING BEFORE YOU TO COMPLAIN ABOUT  
9 "WE'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH MONEY." NOBODY'S GETTING ENOUGH  
10 MONEY, AND WE REALIZE WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER WITH THE STATE  
11 CUT-BACKS, WITH THE COUNTY FUNDING CUT-BACKS, AND WHEN WE LOST  
12 \$22,000 A MONTH IN D.P.S.S. LONG-TERM FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
13 MONEY, NOT ONE OF YOUR OFFICES GOT A CALL FROM US BECAUSE WE  
14 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS, THOUGH WE HAD A  
15 THREE-YEAR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR, THEY SAID  
16 EVERYBODY'S OUT, WE'RE OUT OF MONEY, WE ACCEPTED THAT. THIS IS  
17 NOT THE SAME THING. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I BEG OF YOU NOT TO  
18 PUT THIS THROUGH AS IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD  
25 AND RESPOND. FIRST, I GUESS MAYBE YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO THE



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1   PROCESS, AND THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HAVE  
2   RAISED.

3

4   **ROBERT RYANS:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
5   BOARD, MY NAME IS ROBERT RYANS, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF  
6   COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS  
7   OPPORTUNITY. SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT'S INSTRUCTIVE TO SAY THAT  
8   WE DID HAVE A DESIGN CHANGE. WE MOVED FROM ACTIVITIES TO  
9   OUTCOMES, TO MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES, TO A CLIENT-TRACKING  
10   SYSTEM TO ENHANCE CONTRACT MONITORING TO INCLUDE CLIENT  
11   INTERVIEWS. SO WE HAVE MOVED IN THAT DIRECTION. THE R.F.P.  
12   PROCESS ITSELF WAS NOT DONE IN ISOLATION. WE WORKED VERY  
13   CLOSELY WITH THE I.L.P. DESIGN TEAM, ADDITIONALLY WE HAD A  
14   MEETING OF CURRENT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHERE WE EXPLAINED THE  
15   PROCESS, SOUGHT THEIR INPUT. ADDITIONALLY WE HAD ANOTHER  
16   COMMUNITY MEETING WHERE AGAIN WE SOUGHT INPUT FROM THE  
17   COMMUNITY REGARDING WHAT KINDS OF OUTCOMES WE NEED TO MOVE IN.  
18   SO IT WAS NOT DONE IN ISOLATION, WE HAVE AN R.F.P. PROCESS  
19   THAT WAS ALSO APPROVED BY OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, RATING US AS  
20   WELL. SO WE THINK WE DID A VERY GOOD JOB THERE.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS, I DON'T KNOW,  
23   PROBABLY SOME OF THE MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. MY QUESTION WOULD  
24   BE THE ONE THAT WAS RAISED WHERE YOU HAVE AN AGENCY THAT IS IN  
25   MULTIPLE SPAS AND MULTIPLE FACILITIES AND WHAT DO YOU SEE WILL



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1 BE THE IMPACT OF WHERE THERE'S BEEN A VERY DRASTIC REDUCTION  
2 FROM THOSE MULTIPLE SPA AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT FACILITIES.

3

4 **ROBERT RYANS:** WELL, THEY ARE ABLE TO COMPETE IN MULTIPLE SPAS,  
5 THERE WAS NO LIMITATION ON THAT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK IT'S ALSO  
6 INSTRUCTIVE THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A KIND OF PROJECT  
7 WE WANT TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH THE AGENCIES, BUT WE'LL BE SITTING  
8 DOWN WITH THEM TO WORK OUT THESE KINDS OF DETAILS, WORK OUT  
9 THE SPECIFIC MATTERS, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE HAS TO BE THAT WE  
10 MAINTAIN MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES. PERFORMANCE DOES COUNT. BUT WE  
11 WILL BE NEGOTIATING WITH THEM, AND I THINK WE'LL HAVE A GOOD  
12 COLLABORATION THERE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW LONG DID THE R.F.P. GO ON?

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16 **ROBERT RYANS:** THE R.F.P. PROCESS, WENT FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS  
17 YEAH, THREE MONTHS, EXCUSE ME.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THREE MONTHS?

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21 **ROBERT RYANS:** YES.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO --

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1   **ROBERT RYANS:** YES, IT WAS A -- SUPERVISOR, WHERE THE TIME  
2   FRAME WAS ADJUSTED, SO THAT WE COULD GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITY,  
3   SO THAT WE COULD HAVE THE COMMUNITY FORUMS, WE HAD THE  
4   BIDDERS' CONFERENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME FRAME WAS  
5   APPROPRIATE TO WHAT WE WANTED TO DO. KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAD  
6   TO HAVE A PROCESS IN PLACE SO THAT SERVICES COULD BEGIN  
7   OCTOBER 1ST.

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS?

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'LL MONITOR THE CONTRACTS AND PROVIDE  
12   TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY?

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14   **ROBERT RYANS:** YES, WE WILL SUPERVISOR. YES SUPERVISOR WE WILL,  
15   THAT'S PART OF THAT -- THE CONTRACT MONITORING WILL INCLUDE  
16   CLIENT INTERVIEWS, BECAUSE WE WANT TO KNOW THAT THE  
17   INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE MADE A DIFFERENCE. THESE  
18   ARE MEASURABLE. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT FINANCIAL  
19   CAPABILITY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF AS WELL.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- A COUPLE QUESTIONS. YOU HEARD THE  
2   CRITICISM ABOUT THE R.F.P. ITSELF FROM THE FOLKS WHO TESTIFIED  
3   HERE. DID THEY MAKE THOSE CRITICISMS KNOWN TO YOU BEFORE THE  
4   RESULTS OF THE R.F.P. WERE KNOWN, OR DID ANYBODY ELSE CRITIQUE  
5   THE R.F.P. AHEAD OF TIME?

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7   **ROBERT RYANS:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE R.F.P. WAS CRITIQUED BY THE  
8   I.L.P. DESIGN TEAM. WE DID NOT DO THIS IN ISOLATION,  
9   SUPERVISOR, AND WE SOUGHT INPUT FROM THEM REGARDING THE  
10  SPECIFIC OUTCOMES. JUST A WORD THAT I DIDN'T MENTION THAT  
11  CONCERN ABOUT THE 16 TO 18 GROUP. THERE IS PROVISION IN THERE,  
12  VERY SPECIFIC PROVISION SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT PART OF THE  
13  POPULATION TO BE SERVED IN TERMS OF COUNSELING AND OTHER KINDS  
14  OF MATTERS, SO IT'S NOT TOTALLY EMPLOYMENT-BASED. IT IS  
15  FOCUSED THAT WAY, YES, AND WE HAVE MEASURABLE OUTCOMES THAT  
16  WAY, BUT WE DO -- IT'S A FULL-BODIED PROCESS, SUPERVISOR.

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18  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY QUESTION WAS, THE PEOPLE WHO RESPONDED TO  
19  THE R.F.P., OF THE AGENCIES THAT RESPONDED TO THE R.F.P., WERE  
20  THERE ANY CRITICISMS OF OUR R.F.P. BEFORE THE R.F.P. WAS --  
21  THE DEADLINE AND ACHIEVED?

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23  **ROBERT RYANS:** I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR WERE THE CRITICISMS ONLY HEARD AFTER THE  
2   RESULTS WERE IN?

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4   **ROBERT RYANS:** AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED -- AS FAR AS I'M AWARE  
5   OF, IT WAS AFTERWARDS.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE SECOND QUESTION THAT I HAVE, AND  
8   IT WAS RAISED BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE FROM GLASS, AND IT IS A  
9   PROBLEM, AND THAT IS, WHEN YOU HAVE AN AGENCY THAT IS DOING A  
10   GOOD JOB AND HAS BUILT UP AN INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THEN YOU PULL  
11   THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER THEM, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY TERMINOLOGY,  
12   AND IT'S --

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14   **ROBERT RYANS:** WELL SUPERVISOR --

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON, LET ME FINISH --

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18   **ROBERT RYANS:** I'M SORRY.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME FINISH. IT HAS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT  
21   OF BEING DISRUPTIVE TO SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE COMMUNITY. ON  
22   THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE DEADLINES TO THE -- THERE ARE TERMS  
23   FOR THESE CONTRACTS. THEY ARE NOT LIFETIME SINECURES, SO THAT  
24   IF WE'RE GOING TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT FROM TIME TO TIME,  
25   WHEN THE CONTRACT IS UP AFTER THREE OR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS,



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1   WHATEVER IT IS, YOU'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED TO LOSE YOUR  
2   CONTRACT, BUT IT'S VERY -- IT'S VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO  
3   EXPLAIN, FOR ME, AND I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF DOGS IN THIS FIGHT.  
4   I HAVE SOME, BUT NOT LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS, THAT --  
5   HARD FOR ME TO EXPLAIN HOW SOME OF THE AGENCIES THAT WERE DE-  
6   FUNDED COMPLETELY OR HAD SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN FUNDING WHO  
7   DO A CREDIBLE JOB AND HAVE DONE A CREDIBLE JOB FOR THIS COUNTY  
8   AND FOR OUR COMMUNITIES FOR YEARS, BEFORE IT WAS IN YOUR  
9   DEPARTMENT THIS PARTICULAR I.L.P. CONTRACT, WHATEVER THE  
10  PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT WAS, THEY'VE BEEN DOING -- NOBODY'S HAD  
11  ANY, AS FAR AS I KNOW, ANY SERIOUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THEM. ON  
12  THE CONTRARY, I THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE THE WORK THEY DO IS  
13  GOOD. HARD FOR ME TO EXPLAIN HOW WE DERAILED THEM IN PART OR AND  
14  ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT WERE TOTALLY ZEROED OUT. IT'S  
15  DISCONCERTING TO ME AND I'VE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH YOU ABOUT  
16  IT, AND I KNOW MY STAFF'S BEEN WORKING WITH YOU ABOUT IT. BUT  
17  THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY IS SOME OF THE END RESULTS OF  
18  THIS MAY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO YOU AHEAD OF TIME, I MEAN I'M  
19  TALKING ABOUT THE ALLOCATION OF MONEYS AMONG DISTRICTS. AGAIN,  
20  THE DIFFERENCE TO MY DISTRICT WAS NEGLIGIBLE IN THE WHOLE  
21  SCHEME OF THINGS, BUT THE SHIFT OF FUNDS -- I WAS NOT AWARE  
22  THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SHIFT OF FUNDS. I DON'T KNOW IF  
23  ANYBODY ELSE WAS IN THE WAY THIS WAS LAID OUT AHEAD OF TIME,  
24  AND NEXT TIME WE PUT OUT AN R.F.P., IF THERE'S GOING TO BE  
25  SOME KIND OF SHIFT OF FUNDS FOR A MASSIVE SHIFT OF FUNDS FROM



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1 ONE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO ANOTHER, AND IT'S NOT SO MUCH  
2 THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS DEFINED  
3 TO ME, BUT THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT LOSE AND GAIN, I  
4 THINK WE OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT IT AHEAD OF TIME, INSTEAD OF  
5 FINDING OUT ABOUT IT AFTER THE RESULTS ARE IN AND PEOPLE ARE  
6 UPSET ABOUT THE RESULTS AND IT'S MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. AND I'VE  
7 ALSO MENTIONED THAT TO YOU, AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE SOME  
8 PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE ON PAGE 74 OF A REPORT THAT CAME TO US A  
9 YEAR AGO TO SAY "WE TOLD YOU RIGHT HERE IN THAT PAGE 74," IT'S  
10 GOT TO BE UPFRONT, BECAUSE THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT  
11 UNFORTUNATELY HAS TAKEN A RIDICULOUSLY DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT  
12 OF MY TIME PERSONALLY, SINCE THE RESULTS CAME OUT, AND THAT'S  
13 NOT A GOOD SIGN FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT, FOR ME TO BE SPENDING MY  
14 TIME TRYING TO REFEREE THIS KIND OF A SITUATION OVER WHAT IS A  
15 RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE COUNTY. IT'S A HUGE  
16 AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE AGENCIES, BUT IT'S GOTTEN UP TO MY  
17 LEVEL, MY STAFF HAS SPENT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME ON IT,  
18 AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN A SATISFACTORY PROCESS, ROBERT, AND I  
19 HOPE YOU WILL FIX IT NEXT TIME.

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21 **ROBERT RYANS:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL COMMUNICATE MORE EFFECTIVELY  
22 FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE, I PROMISE THAT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR?

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SIT HERE AND BACK UP A  
4   PROCESS I'M NOT TOTALLY FAMILIAR WITH, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
5   THE OUTCOMES IS A VERY CRITICAL COMPONENT OF HOW WE HAVE TO  
6   START CHANGING HOW WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL OF OUR DOLLARS THAT  
7   ARE BEING SPENT IN THESE AREAS. THERE IS NO DOUBT, THERE ARE  
8   MANY AGENCIES OUT THERE THAT JUST GET INTO THIS RUT OF DOING  
9   THE SAME THING EVERY SINGLE DAY WITHOUT LOOKING AT WHAT IS  
10   GOING ON TO MEET THE NEEDS. THE I.L.P.'S AND THE I.L.P.  
11   CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT WE  
12   NEED TO DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. IF WE ARE GOING TO ENGAGE  
13   ORGANIZATIONS, NETWORKS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AS  
14   WE DID IN ITEM 19, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT OUR MONEY, SOME MIGHT  
15   SAY, AS WE'RE A PASS-THROUGH, THEY HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN  
16   DIRECT OUTCOMES. THEY CAN'T JUST BE PART OF DOING BUSINESS AS  
17   USUAL. OUR FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN THE MOST  
18   SUCCESSFUL AS IT SHOULD BE, BUT WE NEED TO START TURNING THAT  
19   AROUND AND THE AGENCIES AND EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING TO HAVE TO  
20   LEARN. YES, I SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
21   BEING CLOSED UP IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT I'M MORE CONCERNED  
22   ABOUT THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING. SO IF IT IS  
23   GOING TO BE OUTCOME DRIVEN, THEN IT HAS TO BE MONITORED THAT  
24   WAY AS WELL, TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PROGRAMS ARE BEING  
25   DELIVERED AND THAT THEY ARE REALLY PRODUCING THE KIND OF



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1 OUTCOMES. DON'T TELL US AT THE BEGINNING OF THESE ARE -- THIS  
2 IS A GROUP, A GOOD GROUP THAT IS GOING TO DO THE FOLLOWING  
3 THINGS AND AT THE END OF THE DAY OH, GEE, THEY DIDN'T SUCCEED.  
4 WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SUCCEEDING BY MONITORING  
5 THEM ALL THE WAY THROUGH. AND IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE MORE OF  
6 OUR TIME, BUT I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TRYING TO ACHIEVE  
7 THOSE KINDS OF GOALS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD CARE ABOUT.  
8 WHAT KINDS OF DOLLARS ARE WE INVESTING IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THE  
9 KIND OF OUTCOME THAT WE HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME WITH  
10 THESE CHILDREN, THEY NEED OUR ASSISTANCE, I CAN'T THINK OF  
11 ANYTHING SADDER IN THE WORLD, TO BE A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS NOW  
12 GOING TO BE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT, I MEAN, BY CHOICE, NO FAMILY  
13 TO RELY ON, AND IT'S A TOUGH WORLD OUT THERE. WE'VE GOT TO  
14 BUILD THEM AND PREPARE THEM AND ASSIST THEM AND CREATE THE  
15 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NECESSARY. SO IT'S VERY ESSENTIAL THAT WE  
16 SUCCEED IN THIS AREA, AND IT SHOULD BE OUTCOME DRIVEN, AND IF  
17 IT'S NOT, WHY NOT? I MEAN WHY ISN'T THIS WORKING? WE NEED TO  
18 MAKE THESE DOLLARS WORK, BECAUSE WE'VE GOT TO STRETCH THEM AS  
19 FAR AS WE GO. SO I'M NOT BACKING THE PROCESS, ALTHOUGH AT  
20 EVERY SINGLE TIME THERE ARE R.F.P.S OR CONTRACTS ARE MADE OR  
21 ANYTHING, THERE'S PEOPLE WHO DON'T GET THEM DO COMPLAIN, AND  
22 MAYBE WE SHOULD LOOK AT OUR PROCESS AS TO HOW TO FRONTLOAD IT  
23 SOMEWHAT A LITTLE BIT BETTER. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I REALLY  
24 DO THINK WE HAVE TO PRODUCE BETTER OUTCOMES, PARTICULARLY IN  
25 THIS WHOLE AREA OF INDEPENDENT -- THE I.L.P.'S, AND FOSTER



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1 CARE AND PARTICULARLY WHEN THESE CHILDREN ARE SET ON THEIR  
2 OWN.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO MOVED.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA,

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECOND BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
13 ORDERED.

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15 **ROBERT RYANS:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- THAT WAS THE LAST ONLY THING THE  
18 REGISTRAR RECORDER INDICATES THAT WE HAVE HAD OVER A HALF A  
19 MILLION REGISTERED BALLOT REQUESTS, OVER 204,000 HAVE BEEN  
20 ALREADY RECEIVED. NEARLY 15,000 TOUCH SCREEN BALLOTS HAVE BEEN  
21 CAST. AND THIS IS A HIGHER PERCENTAGE THAN OUR 2000 ELECTION,  
22 AND A GREATER NUMBER THAN THE 2002 NOVEMBER ELECTION AS WELL.  
23 SO AND I THINK THERE WILL STILL BE SOME ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR  
24 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITALS AND BEFORE THE ELECTION.





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1 SO THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE ONE OF THE HIGHER TURNOUTS OF  
2 AN ELECTION THAT -- IN OUR HISTORY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ADJOURNMENTS?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. WE LEARNED OVER THE  
11 WEEKEND THAT WE LOST A TREMENDOUS JOURNALIST AND A GREAT  
12 FRIEND, AND THAT'S PETE WANAGA, HE WAS A LOS ANGELES NEWSMAN.  
13 MANY OF US HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIM. HE WAS A  
14 PIONEER WHEN IT COMES TO JOURNALISM IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY.  
15 HE HAD MANY GROUNDBREAKING ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH LED TO HIS  
16 INDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC JOURNALISTS  
17 HALL OF FAME IN 2001. HIS LONG TENURE AT RADIO STATION KNX,  
18 AND KCBS AND HIS CONSTANT EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LATINO  
19 COMMUNITY RECEIVED ACCURATE VITAL INFORMATION LEAVES AN  
20 INSPIRING LEGACY. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO  
21 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND TO HIS COLLEAGUES. WE'RE GOING TO  
22 MISS HIM TREMENDOUSLY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD ME TO THAT AS WELL, HE WAS AN INSTITUTION  
2   IN L.A. COUNTY'S NEWS REPORTING, AND ALL OF US THAT WORKED  
3   WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS, HE'S REALLY A MAN OF INTEGRITY.

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5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. I JUST WANT TO ADD, PETE AND I  
8   GO BACK A LONG, LONG TIME, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHEN -- I  
9   HAVE A FEELING HE MAY HAVE COVERED ME EVEN BEFORE I WAS IN  
10   PUBLIC OFFICE, AND HE WAS A CLASS JOURNALIST, REALLY, IN THE  
11   OLD LINE TRADITION OF REPORTING THE NEWS.

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HONEST.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE WAS VERY STRAIGHT, HE HAD GREAT  
16   INTEGRITY, AND HE WAS A PATHFINDER AS A LATINO JOURNALIST,  
17   TOO, AND HE WAS PROUD OF HIS HERITAGE, AND WE HAD A LOT OF  
18   GOOD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HERITAGE. HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES WE'LL MISS HIM TREMENDOUSLY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
21   ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROSARIA ESPINOSA. MISS  
22   ESPINOSA WAS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY LEADER AND VOLUNTEER IN OUR  
23   EAST VALINDA AREA FOR MANY YEARS. SHE PROVIDED A LOT OF  
24   LEADERSHIP AND ASSISTANCE TO MY STAFF AND REALLY MAKING THE  
25   COMMUNITY WORK OUT THERE. WE ALSO WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST



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1    CONDOLENCES TO HER HUSBAND, WHO IS ALSO A LEADER IN THE  
2    COMMUNITY.

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4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE, WHEN WE MOVE TODAY --  
9    WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
10    ALTHEA GIBSON, THE DAUGHTER OF A SOUTH CAROLINA SHARECROPPER  
11    WHO BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYER, MAN OR  
12    WOMAN, TO WIN THE U.S. OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT, WIMBLEDON IN  
13    1951 AND THE FRENCH OPEN IN 1956. SHE PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG  
14    HISTORY OF RESPIRATORY FAILURE AT THE AGE OF 76. SHE'S  
15    SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, DANIEL GIBSON, JR., A SISTER LILLIAN,  
16    SHE HAS A -- AND HER FRIEND, FRAN GRAY, WHO IS ALSO CO-FOUNDER  
17    OF THE ALTHEA GIBSON FOUNDATION. ALL MEMBERS. AND EVERETT R.  
18    RUTHIA, WHO WAS A LENNOX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, WHO PASSED AWAY  
19    ON SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2003, OF A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK. A LONG-  
20    TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF  
21    THE LENNOX COMMUNITY, HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HE'S SURVIVED  
22    BY HIS WIFE, NIKKI. AND I BELIEVE HE WAS ON THAT SCHOOL BOARD  
23    FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IT WAS CERTAINLY VERY CLOSE TO THAT.  
24    MARGARET PHELAN, WHO WAS THE BELOVED SISTER OF JULIE MULVANEY,  
25    MY LONG-TIME FRIEND AND FORMER DEPUTY. AND MARGARET IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HER SON JOSEPH DARROW. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
2 YAROSLAVSKY? I DON'T, WHO, DO I --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
5 IN THE MEMORY OF AZADUI KAYOTYEAN WHO IS THE FATHER OF IVA  
6 KAYOTYEAN WHO WORKS FOR THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS OFFICE  
7 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO PASSED AWAY. I ALSO ASK THAT  
8 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ELIA KAZAN, THE MOVIE  
9 PRODUCER/DIRECTOR, WHO PASSED AWAY IN NEW YORK OVER THE  
10 WEEKEND.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO HAVE -- TO READ  
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S ADJOURNMENTS. RICHARD "DICK" FITZGERALD,  
14 WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND AFTER SUFFERING A HEART  
15 ATTACK. HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR HIS TENACITY IN PRAYING OPEN MILES  
16 OF COASTLINE FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE SOUTH BAY. HIS REDONDO  
17 BEACH FRIENDS KNEW HIM AS FRITZ AND THEY ALSO KNEW HIS LOVE  
18 FOR THE OCEAN AND HIS LIFELONG WORK AS THE L.A. COUNTY  
19 LIFEGUARD. IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT HE WAS ASKED TO BE THE  
20 FIRST DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBOR AT THE DEPARTMENT'S  
21 INCEPTION. THROUGH THE YEARS, HIS TENACITY AND BEHIND-THE-  
22 SCENES WORK OVERFLOWED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CHARITABLE  
23 CAUSES THROUGHOUT THE BEACH CITIES. SO IT'S NO SURPRISE TO  
24 KNOW OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY, REDONDO  
25 BEACH, AND TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SOUTH BAY HOSPITAL



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1 AUXILIARY FORD, AND DICK WAS A UNIFIER, WHETHER IN THE PUBLIC  
2 SECTOR OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WHETHER CREATING WHAT IS NOW KNOWN  
3 AS THE L.A. COUNTY BEACH SYSTEM OR CREATING THE INTERNATIONAL  
4 SURF FESTIVAL. HIS ENERGY, ACTIVISM AND DEDICATION WILL LIVE  
5 ON IN THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
6 WIFE, BETTY AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, DIANNE, BARBARA, MARLENE,  
7 JEAN, AND MIKE. 12 GRANDCHILDREN, NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,  
8 AND THREE FUTURE GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALL MEMBERS. SO  
9 ORDERED. WE ALL REMEMBER HIM. WE HAVE ONE PERSON FOR PUBLIC  
10 COMMENT: JOHN ANDERSON. JOHN ANDERSON? JOHN ANDERSON? ALL  
11 RIGHT.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
16 CS-1, CS-2, AND AGENDA 71 AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL  
17 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM CS-4,  
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF  
19 LITIGATION, TWO CASES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND  
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION.

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1                   **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                               **ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

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4   The Board met in Closed Session today to confer with legal  
5   counsel regarding initiation of litigation (Item CS-4),  
6   pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section  
7   54956.9.

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9   Action taken:

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11   The Board authorized County Counsel to seek a restraining  
12   order and other appropriate relief with respect to the work  
13   action by the Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies.

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15   The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor Knabe  
16   being absent.

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